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Judicial Branch Budget Committee  
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### Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee assists the Judicial Council on the branch budget. The committee reviews and makes recommendations annually to the council on submitted budget change proposals. Additionally, the committee reviews and makes recommendations on the use of statewide emergency funding for the judicial branch and acts on other assignments as referred to it by the council. The Judicial Branch Budget Committee is also assigned oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.

### Overview of Committee Meetings

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) will have met once and conducted one action by email between meeting in the period between the January 20, 2023, and the March 24, 2023, Judicial Council meetings.

On February 22, 2023, in an email action, the Budget Committee voted to approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommendation on two allocations for Court Appointed Counsel funding, allocation of \$364,976 in Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program funds collected in 2021–22 and allocation of an estimated \$1.1 million in unspent dependency counsel funding for 2022–23.

At its March 14, 2023, meeting, the Budget Committee will consider 2024–25 budget change concepts for the judicial branch and a TCBAC recommendation for cycle 2 grant application awards to the trial courts for the one-time \$30 million Court Interpreter Employee Incentive Grant program included in the 2021 Budget Act. This funding is available until June 30, 2024.

The Budget Committee was also provided an informational update on the closeout of the Court Innovations Grant Program.