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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Child Support: Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2026–27

Judicial Council Report Details

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected
None

Recommended by
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair
Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Vice-Chair

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Executive Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the allocation of funding for the Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program (AB 1058 Program) for fiscal year 2026–27. The funds are provided through a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council. The agreement requires the council to annually approve the AB 1058 Program funding allocations.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 17, 2026:

1. Approve the recommended allocation for the Child Support Commissioner program for fiscal year 2026–27, as set forth in Attachment A. This allocation maintains the current workload-based methodology approved by the Judicial Council on January 16, 2019, and updated with new workload data every two years; and

2. Approve the recommended allocation for the Family Law Facilitator program for fiscal year 2026–27, as set forth in Attachment B. This allocation maintains the current population-based methodology approved by the Judicial Council on July 9, 2021, and updated with new population data every two years.

3. Authorize distribution of federal drawdown funding consistent with methodology previously adopted by the council (January 2019) and courts' surveyed requests; any unrequested amounts will be reallocated consistent with past practice.

This recommendation was presented to and approved by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on April 23, 2026, for consideration by the Judicial Council.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The Judicial Council is required to allocate nontrial court funding to the AB 1058 Program annually and has done so since 1997.[1] A cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and the council provides the funds for this program and requires the council to approve the funding allocation annually. Two-thirds of the funds is federal, and one-third comes from the state General Fund (nontrial court funding). Any funds left unspent at the end of the fiscal year revert to the state General Fund and cannot be used in subsequent years.

The AB 1058 Funding Allocation Joint Subcommittee was formed in 2015 to review the historical AB 1058 Program funding methodology. On January 15, 2019, the council approved a new workload-based funding methodology for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner (CSC) program while maintaining the historical Family Law Facilitator (FLF) program funding methodology until fiscal year (FY) 2021–22, as recommended by the subcommittee.[2]

[1] Assembly Bill 1058 added article 4 to division 9, part 2, chapter 2 of the Family Code. Section 4252(b)(6) requires the Judicial Council to "[e]stablish procedures for the distribution of funding to the courts for child support commissioners, family law facilitators pursuant to [Family Code] Division 14 (commencing with Section 10000), and related allowable costs."

[2] Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Child Support: AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Funding Allocation* (Nov. 21, 2018).

On September 25, 2020, the council approved a temporary budget reduction methodology to allocate a $7 million budget reduction to the AB 1058 CSC and FLF program's FY 2020–21 budget as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.[3]

On July 9, 2021, the council approved a new population-based methodology for the FLF program, and maintained the CSC program's workload-based methodology. At the same time, the Judicial Council directed that both methodologies be refreshed every two years.[4] Additionally, the council directed the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to defer making a recommendation for funding a minimum service level for smaller courts and reviewing the implementation of the CSC workload-based methodology until FY 2023–24.[5]

On October 1, 2021, the council approved an allocation of $4.45 million in new base funding made available to the AB 1058 Program in the 2021 Budget Act, effective July 1, 2021, for FY 2021–22. Of the new funding, 75 percent was distributed to the CSC side of the program and prorated to courts with unmet need as determined by the CSC workload-based funding methodology. The remaining 25 percent of the new funding was distributed to the FLF side of the program, with the majority prorated to courts with unmet need and the remainder prorated to all courts as determined by the FLF population-based funding methodology.[6]

On July 21, 2023, the Judicial Council approved the current methodology for the CSC program funding allocations; the methodology allocates funding to the smallest courts and courts in a cooperative agreement to share services using their historical allocation, as that methodology allowed the smallest courts to maintain program services as federally mandated without making substantial reductions to courts in other clusters.[7]

On July 18, 2025, the Judicial Council approved funding allocations for FY 2025–26 with updated workload data for the CSC program and updated population data for the FLF program.

Analysis/Rationale

Under a two-year cooperative agreement between DCSS and the Judicial Council, base and federal drawdown funds are distributed to the AB 1058 Program for fiscal year 2026–27. The

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[3] Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Child Support: AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Funding Reduction FY 2020–21* (Aug. 31, 2020).

[4] Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Child Support: Updating Workload Data for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Funding Methodology, Adopting a Family Law Facilitator Program Funding Methodology, and Adopting 2021–22 AB 1058 Program Funding Allocations* (May 14, 2021).

[5] Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Child Support: Updating Workload Data for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Funding Methodology, Adopting a Family Law Facilitator Program Funding Methodology, and Adopting 2021–22 AB 1058 Program Funding Allocations* (May 14, 2021).

[6] Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Child Support: $4.45 Million AB 1058 Reimbursement Authority Increase* (Aug. 17, 2021).

[7] Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Child Support: Updating AB 1058 Program Funding Methodologies and Adopting Fiscal Year 2023–24 Funding Allocations* (June 29, 2023).

base funding is distributed based on Judicial Council–approved methodologies for both sides of the program. For the federal drawdown funds, courts are given the option to contribute trial court funds to receive a two-thirds match in federal dollars. The allocation of federal drawdown funds is based on responses during the midyear reallocation process in which courts indicate whether they would like to change their federal drawdown allocation for the next fiscal year.

Funding for FY 2026–27 for the CSC program is $35.0 million in base funding and $13.0 million in federal drawdown funding. Funding for FY 2026–27 for the FLF program is $11.9 million in base funding and $4.4 million in federal drawdown funds. The total program base allocation is $46.9 million, and the total federal drawdown allocation is $17.5 million.

Based on the approved funding methodologies, courts will receive the same amount of base funding as they received for FY 2025–26 and the same federal drawdown funding if they requested to receive the same funding amount. Any federal drawdown funding made available from courts requesting a reduced allocation is allocated based on methodology previously approved by the Judicial Council. See Attachments A and B for additional details.

Policy implications

Approval of these recommendations allows for the continued funding of the CSC and FLF programs, supporting courts in meeting mandates under Family Code sections 4251 and 10002 to hire sufficient child support commissioners and family law facilitators, respectively, to provide AB 1058 services to the public. Approval of these recommendations also fulfills the requirements of the contract between the council and the California Department of Child Support Services.

Comments

Public comments were not solicited for this proposal because the recommendations are within the Judicial Council's purview to approve without circulation.

Alternatives considered

The committee considered taking no action but rejected this option as inconsistent with Judicial Council goals because it would result in the reversion of unspent funds to the General Fund. Taking no action would also deprive courts of the option of using federal drawdown funds to cover two-thirds of some of the existing court contributions to the programs.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The committee does not anticipate that these recommendations will result in additional costs to the branch. The reallocation of funds will increase available funds for some courts and decrease available funds to others, which may impact their ability to meet program objectives.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: Child Support Commissioner (CSC) Program Allocation, 2026–27
2. Attachment B: Family Law Facilitator (FLF) Program Allocation, 2026-27

Attachment A

Child Support Commissioner (CSC) Program Allocation, 2026–27

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Court	**FINAL FY 2026-27 CSC Allocation**	**Beginning Federal Drawdown Option**	**FEDERAL SHARE** Column B*66%	**COURT SHARE** Column B*34%	**TOTAL ALLOCATION** Column A+B	**CONTRACT AMOUNT** Column A+C
			66.00%	**34.00%**		
Alameda	$1,386,167	$549,815	$362,878	$186,937	$1,935,982	$1,749,045
Alpine	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Amador	$140,250	$45,736	$30,186	$15,550	$185,986	$170,436
Butte	$233,797	$0	$0	$0	$233,797	$233,797
Calaveras	$132,667	$10,000	$6,600	$3,400	$142,667	$139,267
Colusa	$45,691	$15,809	$10,434	$5,375	$61,500	$56,125
Contra Costa	$680,349	$0	$0	$0	$680,349	$680,349
Del Norte	$64,458	$29,023	$19,155	$9,868	$93,481	$83,613
El Dorado*	$203,169	$100,382	$66,252	$34,130	$303,551	$269,421
Fresno	$1,795,392	$1,187,832	$783,969	$403,863	$2,983,224	$2,579,361
Glenn	$120,030	$0	$0	$0	$120,030	$120,030
Humboldt	$127,394	$21,451	$14,158	$7,293	$148,845	$141,552
Imperial	$231,171	$149,078	$98,391	$50,687	$380,249	$329,562
Inyo	$79,264	$0	$0	$0	$79,264	$79,264
Kern	$1,144,138	$109,530	$72,290	$37,240	$1,253,668	$1,216,428
Kings	$235,831	$75,000	$49,500	$25,500	$310,831	$285,331
Lake	$120,893	$90,500	$59,730	$30,770	$211,393	$180,623
Lassen	$60,000	$0	$0	$0	$60,000	$60,000
Los Angeles	$7,410,640	$3,198,270	$2,110,858	$1,087,412	$10,608,910	$9,521,498
Madera	$247,256	$88,000	$58,080	$29,920	$335,256	$305,336
Marin	$98,357	$41,336	$27,282	$14,054	$139,693	$125,639
Mariposa	$75,216	$0	$0	$0	$75,216	$75,216
Mendocino	$132,694	$56,550	$37,323	$19,227	$189,244	$170,017
Merced	$477,907	$297,354	$196,254	$101,100	$775,261	$674,161
Modoc	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Mono	$45,974	$0	$0	$0	$45,974	$45,974
Monterey	$373,315	$166,499	$109,889	$56,610	$539,814	$483,204
Napa	$86,478	$0	$0	$0	$86,478	$86,478
Nevada*	$327,593	$0	$0	$0	$327,593	$327,593
Orange	$1,937,419	$594,515	$392,380	$202,135	$2,531,934	$2,329,799
Placer	$295,996	$20,870	$13,774	$7,096	$316,866	$309,770
Plumas	$95,777	$0	$0	$0	$95,777	$95,777
Riverside	$1,750,802	$41,704	$27,525	$14,179	$1,792,506	$1,778,327
Sacramento	$1,300,194	$614,141	$405,333	$208,808	$1,914,335	$1,705,527
San Benito	$135,384	$30,000	$19,800	$10,200	$165,384	$155,184
San Bernardino	$3,354,446	$955,238	$630,457	$324,781	$4,309,684	$3,984,903
San Diego	$2,046,396	$1,204,899	$795,233	$409,666	$3,251,295	$2,841,629
San Francisco	$703,303	$363,320	$239,791	$123,529	$1,066,623	$943,094
San Joaquin	$927,621	$83,046	$54,810	$28,236	$1,010,667	$982,431
San Luis Obispo	$179,782	$127,093	$83,881	$43,212	$306,875	$263,663
San Mateo	$303,676	$163,455	$107,880	$55,575	$467,131	$411,556
Santa Barbara	$373,054	$296,845	$195,918	$100,927	$669,899	$568,972
Santa Clara	$1,382,288	$977,183	$644,941	$332,242	$2,359,471	$2,027,229
Santa Cruz	$152,011	$99,848	$65,900	$33,948	$251,859	$217,911
Shasta*	$417,575	$239,038	$157,765	$81,273	$656,613	$575,340
Sierra	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Siskiyou	$101,584	$0	$0	$0	$101,584	$101,584
Solano	$537,111	$95,481	$63,017	$32,464	$632,592	$600,128
Sonoma	$388,726	$0	$0	$0	$388,726	$388,726
Stanislaus	$713,119	$406,836	$268,512	$138,324	$1,119,955	$981,631
Sutter	$156,576	$63,487	$41,901	$21,586	$220,063	$198,477
Tehama	$114,033	$56,982	$37,608	$19,374	$171,015	$151,641
Trinity	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Tulare	$517,999	$104,461	$68,944	$35,517	$622,460	$586,943
Tuolumne	$143,106	$78,346	$51,708	$26,638	$221,452	$194,814
Ventura	$452,223	$175,000	$115,500	$59,500	$627,223	$567,723
Yolo	$194,997	$15,000	$9,900	$5,100	$209,997	$204,897
Yuba	$203,147	$0	$0	$0	$203,147	$203,147
TOTAL	**$34,954,436**	**$13,038,953**	**$8,605,707**	**$4,433,246**	**$47,993,389**	**$43,560,143**

*The county courts with Intra-Branch Agreements according to January 15,2025 approved methodology, are identified as cluster size 1.

CSC Base Funds	$34,954,436
CSC Federal Drawdown	$13,038,953
Total Funding Allocated	$47,993,389

Attachment B

Family Law Facilitator (FLF) Program Allocation, 2026–27

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Court	**FINAL FY 2026-27 FLF Allocation**	**Beginning Federal Drawdown Option**	**FEDERAL SHARE** Column B*66%	**COURT SHARE** Column B*34%	**TOTAL ALLOCATION** Column A+B	**CONTRACT AMOUNT** Column A+C
			66.00%	**34.00%**		
Alameda	$438,084	$252,364	$166,560	$85,804	$690,448	$604,644
Alpine	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Amador	$47,097	$4,701	$3,103	$1,598	$51,798	$50,200
Butte	$85,955	$61,250	$40,425	$20,825	$147,205	$126,380
Calaveras	$70,907	$8,000	$5,280	$2,720	$78,907	$76,187
Colusa	$39,067	$8,900	$5,874	$3,026	$47,967	$44,941
Contra Costa	$325,592	$0	$0	$0	$325,592	$325,592
Del Norte	$50,155	$5,971	$3,941	$2,030	$56,126	$54,096
El Dorado*	$107,111	$50,384	$33,253	$17,131	$157,495	$140,364
Fresno	$326,237	$198,952	$131,308	$67,644	$525,189	$457,545
Glenn	$75,971	$0	$0	$0	$75,971	$75,971
Humboldt	$73,288	$13,371	$8,825	$4,546	$86,659	$82,113
Imperial	$71,502	$36,940	$24,380	$12,560	$108,442	$95,882
Inyo	$57,289	$0	$0	$0	$57,289	$57,289
Kern	$293,637	$214,416	$141,515	$72,901	$508,053	$435,152
Kings	$69,895	$0	$0	$0	$69,895	$69,895
Lake	$51,012	$29,167	$19,250	$9,917	$80,179	$70,262
Lassen	$65,167	$694	$458	$236	$65,861	$65,625
Los Angeles	$2,416,099	$803,431	$530,264	$273,167	$3,219,530	$2,946,363
Madera	$73,938	$27,724	$18,298	$9,426	$101,662	$92,236
Marin	$112,503	$0	$0	$0	$112,503	$112,503
Mariposa	$45,491	$0	$0	$0	$45,491	$45,491
Mendocino	$56,647	$30,722	$20,277	$10,445	$87,369	$76,924
Merced	$104,587	$72,021	$47,534	$24,487	$176,608	$152,121
Modoc	$70,995	$1,247	$823	$424	$72,242	$71,818
Mono	$48,322	$1,350	$891	$459	$49,672	$49,213
Monterey	$141,545	$63,314	$41,787	$21,527	$204,859	$183,332
Napa	$67,982	$42,149	$27,818	$14,331	$110,131	$95,800
Nevada*	$116,579	$0	$0	$0	$116,579	$116,579
Orange	$738,201	$137,665	$90,859	$46,806	$875,866	$829,060
Placer	$119,160	$0	$0	$0	$119,160	$119,160
Plumas	$55,935	$596	$393	$203	$56,531	$56,328
Riverside	$649,392	$247,138	$163,111	$84,027	$896,530	$812,503
Sacramento	$392,625	$228,214	$150,621	$77,593	$620,839	$543,246
San Benito	$60,627	$30,632	$20,217	$10,415	$91,259	$80,844
San Bernardino	$560,347	$336,947	$222,385	$114,562	$897,294	$782,732
San Diego	$794,183	$287,762	$189,923	$97,839	$1,081,945	$984,106
San Francisco	$247,872	$2,144	$1,415	$729	$250,016	$249,287
San Joaquin	$227,289	$88,041	$58,107	$29,934	$315,330	$285,396
San Luis Obispo	$91,114	$32,246	$21,282	$10,964	$123,360	$112,396
San Mateo	$189,203	$94,689	$62,495	$32,194	$283,892	$251,698
Santa Barbara	$146,621	$77,323	$51,033	$26,290	$223,944	$197,654
Santa Clara	$511,182	$210,712	$139,070	$71,642	$721,894	$650,252
Santa Cruz	$94,619	$47,069	$31,066	$16,003	$141,688	$125,685
Shasta*	$186,519	$114,145	$75,336	$38,809	$300,664	$261,855
Sierra	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Siskiyou	$61,017	$37,995	$25,077	$12,918	$99,012	$86,094
Solano	$144,300	$39,710	$26,209	$13,501	$184,010	$170,509
Sonoma	$154,943	$0	$0	$0	$154,943	$154,943
Stanislaus	$181,097	$126,257	$83,330	$42,927	$307,354	$264,427
Sutter	$59,168	$32,118	$21,198	$10,920	$91,286	$80,366
Tehama	$40,748	$3,535	$2,333	$1,202	$44,283	$43,081
Trinity	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Tulare	$253,062	$144,717	$95,513	$49,204	$397,779	$348,575
Tuolumne	$52,825	$30,084	$19,855	$10,229	$82,909	$72,680
Ventura	$244,095	$88,722	$58,557	$30,165	$332,817	$302,652
Yolo	$88,275	$39,202	$25,873	$13,329	$127,477	$114,148
Yuba	$55,053	$44,953	$29,669	$15,284	$100,006	$84,722
TOTAL	**$11,902,126**	**$4,449,684**	**$2,936,791**	**$1,512,893**	**$16,351,810**	**$14,838,917**

*The county courts with Intra-Branch Agreements according to July 9,2025 approved methodology, are identified as cluster size 1.

FLF Base Funds	$11,902,126
FLF Federal Drawdown	$4,449,684
Total Funding Allocated	$16,351,810