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Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee (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; reviews and makes recommendations on the Innovations Grant Program; and acts on other assignments as referred to it by the council. The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recently assumed oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC).

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Budget Committee will have met twice in the period between the November 2020 and January 2021 Judicial Council meetings.

On January 5, 2021, the committee met to continue the review that began at the November 12, 2020 Budget Committee meeting of the TCBAC recommendation and alternative methodology for allocating the remaining \$25 million and the TCBAC recommendation regarding a definition, reporting requirements, for the one-time \$50 million COVID-19 backlog funding received in the Budget Act of 2020.

This review included a presentation of the disposition data submitted by trial courts which will be used to determine the allocation of the remaining \$25 million in COVID-19 backlog funding. The recommendation to the Judicial Council of a definition, reporting requirements, and an allocation methodology from this meeting is on the Judicial Council agenda as item 21-016.

On January 21, 2021, the Budget Committee will meet to hear an update on the proposed 2021–22 Governor’s Budget and be provided with a presentation on the \$25 million in Information Technology funding provided in the Budget Act of 2020.

Innovations Grant

The Budget Committee will also receive a status report on the innovation grants program.

In addition, there is a report provided as an informational item for the program on the Judicial Council agenda as item 21-082 which summarizes activities of the Judicial Council’s Court Innovations Grant Program during the first quarter of fiscal year 2020–21.

There will be continued updates provided to the committee.