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CIRCULATING ORDER MEMORANDUM TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Circulating Order Number: CO-16-09

Title	Action Requested
Trial Court Allocations: Augmentation for a Program Funded from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund	VOTING MEMBERS ONLY: Vote and return by fax. Additionally, return original signature page.
Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected	Please Respond By
None	May 24, 2016
Recommended by	Date of Report
Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee	May 20, 2016
Martin Hoshino  Administrative Director Judicial Council of California	Contact Steven Chang, 415-865-7195 steven.chang@jud.ca.gov

Executive Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee and Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council approve a one-time allocation augmentation of \$200,000 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) for the Trial Court Transactional Assistance Program in fiscal year (FY) 2015–2016. The funding for the augmentation will come from savings from vacant positions in the Regional Office Assistance Group in FY 2015–2016.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC), by unanimous vote, and Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council:

1. Approve a one-time \$200,000 augmentation of the 2015–2016 allocation from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for the Trial Court Transactional Assistance Program (TCTAP).

Previous Council Action

At its April 2015 business meeting the council authorized a 2015–2016 allocation of \$451,000 for the TCTAP, which pays for outside counsel defending trial courts in labor arbitrations and Public Employment Relations Board matters, for 2015–2016.

Rationale for Recommendation

Using the authority delegated by the council, in February 2016, the Administrative Director approved a \$90,200 augmentation to the TCTAP allocation—equivalent to a 20% increase, the maximum allowed—in order to provide funds needed to cover the cost of trial court requests for representation, the cost of which exceeded the council’s allocation. The augmentation was funded from savings in the Legal Services office’s Regional Office Assistance Group (ROAG) program.

An additional \$200,000 is now needed to provide sufficient funds to cover all trial court requests for representation in 2015–2016. The funding for the augmentation will come from savings from vacant positions in the ROAG program in FY 2015–2016.

Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications

No public comments were received when the office’s request was considered by the TCBAC at its May 19, 2016, open meeting.

Implementation Requirements, Costs, and Operational Impacts

The contracts for the TCTAP are in place but need to be amended before the end of the fiscal year.

Attachments

1. Voting instructions
2. Vote and signature pages

Instructions for Review and Action by Circulating Order

Voting members

- Please indicate your **vote, sign, and return by 12:00 p.m., May 24, 2016**, if possible by one of these methods:
 1. Fax the signature pages to the attention of Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Leadership Services Division at 415-865-4391.
 2. Reply to the e-mail message with “I approve,” “I disapprove,” or “I abstain.”
- If you are unable to reply by **May 24, 2016**, please do so as soon as possible thereafter.
- Additionally, **return the original** signature page to Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Judicial Council of California, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94102-3688. **Please keep a copy for your records.**

Advisory members

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Voting and Signature Pages

Effective immediately, the Judicial Council approves a one-time \$200,000 augmentation of the 2015–2016 allocation from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for the Trial Court Transactional Assistance Program.

My vote is as follows:

Approve Disapprove Abstain

Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair

/s/
Marla O. Anderson

/s/
Brian John Back

Richard Bloom

Mark G. Bonino

/s/
Stacy Boulware Eurie

Kyle S. Brodie

Daniel J. Buckley

/s/
Ming W. Chin

/s/
Samuel K. Feng

Harry E. Hull, Jr.

/s/
James M. Humes

/s/
Patrick M. Kelly

Hannah-Beth Jackson

My vote is as follows:

Approve

Disapprove

Abstain

_____/s/
Dalila Corral Lyons

Donna D'Angelo Melby

_____/s/
Douglas P. Miller

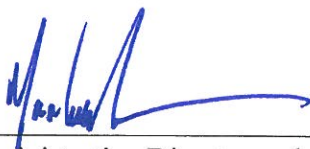
_____/s/
Gary Nadler

_____/s/
Debra Elaine Pole

_____/s/
David M. Rubin

_____/s/
Dean T. Stout

Date: 5-25-16

Attest: 

Administrative Director and
Secretary of the Judicial Council