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Equal Access Fund | Distribution of One-Time Funding for Housing Issues (Action Required)

Summary
Assembly Bill 83 (Stats. 2020, ch. 15, Sec. 1), effective June 29, 2020, amended Government Code section 12531(d) to provide for a one-time $31 million allocation to the judicial branch to augment the Equal Access Fund to provide legal services in landlord-tenant matters. The Budget Act provides that the Judicial Council allocate these funds to the State Bar, which distributes the funding to eligible legal services agencies. The State Bar's Legal Services Trust Fund Commission requests approval of the distribution of the $31 million, minus administrative costs, according to the formula specified in the Budget Act.

Recommendation
The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission recommends that the Judicial Council, effective, September 25, 2020:

1. Direct staff to distribute Equal Access Funds to the State Bar for distribution to legal services agencies that meet the eligibility requirements stated in the Budget Act; and
2. Report back to the Judicial Council at its May 2021 meeting on the grants made.