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Language Access Plan | Signage and Technology Grants, Fiscal Year 2020-21: Contingency Awards and Use of Remaining Funding (Action Required)

Summary

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Language Access Subcommittee recommend that contingency funds held under the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program for fiscal year 2020-21 be distributed to 14 courts that applied for contingency funding. The committees also recommend that remaining contingency funds for this cycle be added to the court technology modernization funding grants for remote appearance technology, including video remote interpreting, which is a priority area. This will ensure the full use of this grant funding for technology purposes, which will assist courts to improve remote services and serve more court users.

Recommendation

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Language Access Subcommittee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective March 12, 2021:

- 1. Distribute \$264,723.50 of the \$405,765.77 identified as funding held for contingency purposes to augment technology awards for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21;
- 2. Distribute the full amount of the funding held for contingency purposes for signage grants, \$251,358.05, to augment signage awards for FY 2020-21; and
- 3. Approve the remaining \$141,042.27 in technology contingency funding to be added to the court technology modernization funding for distribution as part of the Branchwide Remote Appearance Technology Program, including for video remote interpreting.