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### Title

## **Trial Court Budget | 2020-21 Final One-Time Reduction for Fund Balances Above the 3 Percent Cap (Action Required)**

### Summary

Pursuant to Government Code section 77203(b), a trial court may carry over unexpended funds in an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the court's operating budget from the prior fiscal year. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends a final one-time reduction allocation of \$7,669,000 related to the fund balance cap in 2020-21 and prior-year excluded funds, as required by Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2) (A), which nets to \$232,000 after adjusting for \$7,437,000 in funds held on behalf of trial court reductions.

### Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 21, 2022, approve the final reduction allocation of \$7,669,000 to match the trial courts' final calculations of the amount above the 3 percent fund balance cap, further reduced by \$7,437,000 in approved funds held on behalf of the trial courts to \$232,000 to be reverted to the Trial Court Trust Fund.

This recommendation was presented to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on December 7, 2021 and approved for consideration by the Judicial Council.