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Title

Juvenile Law | Court Appointed Special Advocate Funding Methodology, Program Expansion, and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Allocations (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends allocation of \$2.713 million for fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Local Assistance program, and two updates to the funding allocation methodology. The judicial branch budget for Judicial Council CASA grants for FY 2023-24 is \$2.713 million, which includes a \$500,000 augmentation. The allocations would fund 45 CASA programs serving 52 counties.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2023:

1. Continue the allocation of the \$500,000 funding augmentation as base funding for FY 2023-24 using the four-tiered base funding methodology approved by the council on September 21, 2018;
2. Amend the methodology to allow for expansion of the CASA Local Assistance program to permit existing programs to expand to serve new courts without a program; and
3. Allocate \$2.713 million for FY 2023-24 to the CASA programs based on the recommended amended methodology.