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Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Access to Visitation Grant Program Funding Allocation for Federal Fiscal Years 2024-25 through 2026-27 (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends approving the Access to Visitation Grant Program funding allocation and distribution of \$655,000 statewide for federal grant fiscal years 2024-25 through 2026-27. Family Code section 3204(b)(2) requires the Judicial Council to determine the final number and amount of grants to be awarded to the superior courts. Subject to the availability of federal funds, the funding allocations will be directed to eight superior courts, representing 13 counties, and involving 11 subcontractor agencies (i.e., local courts community nonprofit service providers) to support and facilitate noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children through supervised visitation and exchange services, parent education, and group counseling services for family law cases.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective March 15, 2024:

1. Approve the funding allocation and distribution of \$655,000 to eight of the nine superior courts that submitted applications for the Access to Visitation Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 through FY 2026-27; and
2. Delegate authority to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to distribute and reallocate any excess grant funds to any of the eight applicant courts based on need and justification within the scope of the grant program if any of the selected courts decline their grant award amount after Judicial Council allocation approval but before execution of a funding contract with the Judicial Council.