



# Judicial Council of California

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### **Title**

### **Trial Court Budget: Base Funding Floor Allocation (Action Required)**

### **Summary**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve increasing the base funding floor from \$750,000 to \$800,000. Base funding is currently allocated to the two smallest trial courts, the Superior Court of Alpine County and the Superior Court of Sierra County, and is based on the minimum level of staffing and operational costs necessary. If approved, this would be the first increase to the base funding floor since the Judicial Council approved the Workload-based Allocation and Funding Methodology and would represent the first time that floor-funded courts have received an increase in their funding allocation since fiscal year 2014-15.

### **Recommendation**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends that the Judicial Council approve an increase of \$50,000 to the base funding floor for trial courts. This action would raise the level of funding to the smallest trial courts to \$800,000, effective July 1, 2019, for 2019-20 budget allocations.

### **Speakers**

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee  
Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Budget Services