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Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2023-24 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Funding (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends allocation to courts of the \$20 million for fiscal year 2023-24 included in the 2023 Budget Act for implementation of the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act. The allocation may change based on final appropriations included in the signed Budget Act of 2023 (Sen. Bill 101; Stats. 2023, ch. 12). The TCBAC presented this recommendation to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on May 17, 2023, and the Budget Committee approved it for consideration by the Judicial Council.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2023:

1. Approve, for Cohort One courts implementing the CARE Act, an allocation that employs the Workload Formula with a base of 25 CARE Act cases, calculated at \$93,225, for fiscal year (FY) 2023-24;
2. Approve, for Cohort One courts implementing the CARE Act, an allocation that employs the Workload Formula with a base of \$98,000, prorated to the amount that Cohort One courts are estimated to receive in FY 2024-25 when all courts are implementing the CARE Act;
3. Approve, for Cohort Two courts, an allocation that employs the Workload Formula with a base of \$98,000, prorated to the amount that remains after the allocation described in Recommendation 2 and after reduction by 0.5 percent to hold as a reserve for Cohort One courts that require additional program funding, with any unspent funding from the court allocations and this reserve redistributed through the reallocation process via the approved methodology; and
4. Direct Judicial Council staff to survey Cohort One courts by February 2024 and bring a reallocation proposal to the TCBAC for March 2024 Judicial Council action.