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Title

Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act | 2023-24 Trial Court Trust Fund Allocation Adjustment (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving an increase to the approved fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 Trial Court Trust Fund allocation of \$12.265 million for local assistance of \$3.567 million from existing Shriver program reserves. This increase will fully fund the approved Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program grants to qualified legal services providers and court partners to operate pilot projects that provide legal representation and improved court services to low-income, unrepresented parties at a total of \$15.832 million in FY 2023-24.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council, effective November 17, 2023, approve an increase to the approved FY 2023-24 Trial Court Trust Fund allocation of \$12.265 for local assistance for the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program of \$3.567 million from existing Shriver program reserves for a total of \$15.832 million in FY 2023-24.