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Title

Trial Court Budget | \$10 million State-Level Reserve Policy (Action Required)

Summary

As a result of experiences implementing the \$10 million State-Level Reserve Policy, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends revisions that will make the fund easier to use, easier to administer, and more efficient for those seeking emergency funds.

Recommendation

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee unanimously recommends that the Judicial Council adopt the following recommendations effective January 17, 2020 (Attachment A):

1. Replacing item h to remove the cash advance requirement and specify the distribution process for approved requests;
2. Clarifying item 1(i)(iv) to reflect that a court's expected fund balance will be negative; and
3. Removing the fiscal year references in item 1(i)(vi).