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Title

Equal Access Fund | Distribution of Federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund for Housing Issues (Action Required)

Summary

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission recommends approval of \$20 million of federal funding from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021 in the State Bar of California's Equal Access Fund for distribution to legal services providers and support centers to provide assistance with housing-related issues, including eviction and other tenant defense in landlord-tenant rental disputes, as authorized by the Budget Act of 2023.

Recommendation

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 19, 2023, approve distribution of \$20 million in Equal Access Fund housing funds from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021 to the State Bar for those legal services agencies that previously applied for and were determined to meet the eligibility requirements stated in the Budget Act.