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Trial Court Budget | Self-Help Funding, Allocation Methodology for 2021-22 and Ongoing (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council maintain the current funding methodology for self-help funding allocated to trial courts for fiscal year 2021-22 allocations and ongoing, including (1) a three-year population update schedule using rolling three-year average census data, (2) providing annual population updates to trial courts using rolling three-year average data for informational purposes only, and (3) maintaining the current self-help allocation baseline of \$34,000 per court. These recommendations will ensure that resources are allocated effectively and will provide adequate notice to courts so they can plan for funding changes.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 9, 2021, take the following actions related to self-help funding to trial courts for 2021-22 allocations and ongoing:

1. Maintain a three-year population update schedule using rolling three-year average census data;
2. Provide annual population updates to trial courts using rolling three-year average data for informational purposes only; and
3. Maintain the current self-help allocation baseline of \$34,000 per court.

These recommendations would take effect immediately, and the next allocation changes based on population using this methodology would be made in 2024-25.