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Judicial Branch Technology | Court Modernization Funding (Action Required)

Summary

The California Budget Act of 2020 appropriated \$25 million for the modernization of court operations. Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye subsequently requested that the Judicial Council Technology Committee make recommendations on how that money should be allocated. The committee recommends funding 13 separate technology projects. Individually, each project will significantly improve the way trial courts serve the public. Taken as whole, the projects will make great strides in advancing the judicial branch's technology goals, fostering the spirit of collaboration that has proved essential to modernizing court operations. The committee's recommended allocations are an investment that will pay dividends for years to come.

Recommendation

The Judicial Council Technology Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 25, 2020:

1. Approve allocation of the \$25 million designated for the modernization of court operations;
2. Approve the following 13 projects for this allocation, to be initiated this fiscal year:
 - Remote Appearance Technology
 - Digital Evidence
 - Automated Messaging (notifications and reminders)
 - Data Driven Forms
 - Digitizing Documents
 - Virtual Customer Service Center
 - Trial Court Digital Services
 - Statewide Case Index
 - Judicial Branch Office of Information Security
 - Next Generation Data Center and Cloud Solutions
 - California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR) Mobile Access and Modernization
 - Building a Digital Ecosystem
 - Data Governance;
3. Grant the Judicial Council Technology Committee authority to make individual allocations (with feedback from the Information Technology Advisory Committee and the trial courts); and
4. Direct the Technology Committee to report back to the Judicial Council on the amount allocated to each specific project and on each project's progress.

Speakers

Hon. Kyle S. Brodie, Chair, Judicial Council Technology Committee

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