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Title

Access to Visitation | Grant Program Funding Allocation for Federal Grant Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2023-24 (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends approving Access to Visitation Grant Program funding allocation and distribution of approximately \$655,000 to \$670,000 statewide for federal grant fiscal years 2021-22 through 2023-24. The Access to Visitation contract period begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 (of each of the three fiscal years). Subject to the availability of federal funds, the funding allocations will be directed to nine superior courts, representing 14 counties, and involving approximately 12 subcontractor agencies (i.e., local community nonprofit service providers), to support and facilitate noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children through supervised visitation and exchange services, parent education, and group counseling services for family law cases. Family Code section 3204(b)(2) requires the Judicial Council to determine the final number and amount of grants to be awarded to the superior courts.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 22, 2021:

1. Modify the current total Access to Visitation Grant Program funding allocation and distribution from approximately \$755,000 to \$770,000, to an amount between \$655,000 to \$670,000, subject to the availability of federal funding;
2. Approve the funding allocation and distribution of approximately \$655,000 to \$670,000 to the nine superior courts for Access to Visitation Grant awards for state Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2023-24, as stated in Attachment A; and
3. Delegate authority to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to distribute and reallocate any excess grant funds to any of the nine applicant courts based on need and justification within the scope of the grant program if any of the selected courts decline their grant award amount after Judicial Council allocation approval but before execution of a funding contract with the Judicial Council.