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Title

Juvenile Dependency: Proposed Allocation for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program (Action Required)

Summary

Under the Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program (JDCCP), courts collect reimbursements from parents and other responsible persons liable for the cost of dependency-related legal services to the extent that those persons are able to pay. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocating the \$872,692 remitted through the JDCCP in fiscal year 2014-2015 to the trial courts using the methodology adopted by the council at its August 23, 2013, meeting.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends that the Judicial Council, effective October 27, 2015:

1. Allocate the \$872,692 remitted through the Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program in fiscal year (FY) 2014-2015 to the trial courts using the methodology adopted by the council; and
2. Direct staff to notify courts regarding the remaining balance of JDCCP funding allocated in FY 2013-2014 and FY 2014-2015, and the amount of any new allocations in FY 2015-2016. Any portion of a court's allocated funds not distributed should be carried forward for distribution to the court in FY 2015-2016 and subsequent years.

The allocations provided in Attachment A are preliminary and determined using the methodology approved by the council at its August 23, 2013, meeting. Judicial Council staff is still in the process of confirming which courts are eligible to receive an allocation based on council policy. Confirmation of the eligibility of all courts should be completed by no later than mid-November.