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Juvenile Law | 2020-21 Allocations for Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program and Court-Appointed Counsel, Expected Unspent Funding (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends two redistributions of funding for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21. Under the Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program, 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 committee recommends that the Judicial Council allocate the FY 2019-20 statutorily restricted funds remitted in excess of dependency counsel program administrative costs to the trial courts, calculated according to the methodology adopted by the council. The committee also recommends that the council reallocate unspent dependency counsel funding from courts that have identified funds they do not intend to spend to courts funded at below the average statewide funding level.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective March 12, 2021:

1. Allocate FY 2019-20 Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program funds of \$333,541 (Attachment A); and
2. Allocate FY 2020-21 trial court allocations of estimated unspent funding of \$904,751 (Attachment B).