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Collaborative Justice | Revised Allocation Methodology for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Substance Abuse Focus Grants (Action Required)

Summary

As part of the Budget Act of 2023, the Legislature allocated \$1.16 million for the Substance Abuse Focus Grant Program to the superior courts to maintain, expand, or enhance collaborative courts, and \$75,000 in federal Court Improvement Program funds have been made available for fiscal year 2023-24 to fund the Dependency Drug Court Augmentation. Beginning with this fiscal year and for all subsequent fiscal years, the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends revising the caseload-based methodology for allocation of the grant to a population-based methodology. The recommended methodology is consistent with the methodology used in pretrial release allocations and based on the 18- to 24-year-old population by county, which will align the distribution of the funding to the population in greatest need of services.

Recommendation

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 19, 2023, approve the revised population-based methodology for the Substance Abuse Focus Grant Program allocations.