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Title

Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act | Distribution of Increased Funding (Action Required)

Summary

The state Budget Act of 2019 allocated an additional \$2.5 million of general funds for the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel program. The Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee recommends allocating the new funds pro rata to the existing programs for the final year of the current three-year grant cycle, as approved by the Judicial Council on July 27, 2017.

Recommendation

The Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective November 15, 2019, approve an augmentation of Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act grants in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for distribution to the following legal service agencies and superior courts, for pilot projects to provide legal representation and improved court services to eligible low-income litigants:

1. **Central California Legal Services**
Superior Court of Fresno County
Housing Pilot Project \$105,975
2. **Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance**
Superior Court of Kern County
Housing Pilot Project \$171,482
3. **Justice and Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco**
Superior Court of San Francisco
Child Custody Pilot Project \$115,561
4. **Legal Aid Society of San Diego San Diego**
Voluntary Legal Services Program
Superior Court of San Diego County
Housing and Child Custody Pilot Project
\$736,990
5. **Legal Aid Society of Santa Barbara County**
Superior Court of Santa Barbara County
Northern Santa Barbara County Housing and Probate
Guardianship/Conservatorship Pilot Project
\$241,936
6. **Legal Services of Northern California**
Superior Court of Yolo County
Housing Pilot Project \$100,657

7. Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
Superior Court of Los Angeles County
Child Custody Pilot Project \$225,270

8. Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
Superior Court of Los Angeles County
Housing Pilot Project \$802,129

Total: \$2,500,000