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Title

Trial Court Budget | Base Funding Floor Inflationary Increases (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve an update to the annual base funding floor process to include automatic increases for the base funding floor courts, Alpine and Sierra Superior Courts, similar to all other courts when general inflationary funding is received through the state budget process. Currently, base funding for the two smallest courts is \$950,000 annually and is based on the minimum level of staffing and operational costs necessary.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2023, approve a change to the annual base funding floor process to include automatic increases for the base funding floor courts, similar to all other courts, when general inflationary funding is received through the state budget process.