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Title

Language Access Plan | Signage and Technology Grant Program, Fiscal Year 2022-23: Requests and Proposed Allocations (Action Required)

Summary

The Budget Act of 2018 (Stats. 2018, ch. 29) included \$2.55 million in ongoing funding for language access signage and technology infrastructure support and equipment needs for the trial courts and the Judicial Council. The council approved a grant program to disburse this funding to the trial courts on an annual basis. For Cycle 4 (fiscal year 2022-23), 19 courts applied for signage and technology needs. All requested court projects can be funded, and remaining funding will also support 7 additional courts that applied for grants under different but related grant opportunities. The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommend approving the proposed grant award recommendations to expand language access for court users.

Recommendation

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective December 2, 2022:

1. Approve the proposed allocations for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program for fiscal year 2022-23;
2. Direct Language Access Services staff to work with Branch Accounting and Procurement to draft and execute intra-branch agreements with each awarded court; and
3. Approve the remaining \$393,135 in signage funding to go toward two court technology projects that requested funding under the Court Technology Modernization Fund grant program that will support language access through the use of technology.