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Equal Access Fund: Distribution of Funds for Partnership Grants and IOLTA-Formula Grants (Action Required)

Summary

The Budget Act of 2018 includes over \$25 million in the Equal Access Fund for distribution to legal services providers and support centers. These monies are distributed primarily in two parts: IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts)-formula grants and partnership grants (with a small amount also distributed for administration). The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission of the State Bar recommends approving distribution of \$23,039,970 in IOLTA-formula grants for fiscal year (FY) 2018-19, according to the statutory formula in the state Budget Act, and \$2,575,000 in partnership grants for 2019. It further requests approval of the commission's findings that the proposed budget for each individual grant complies with statutory and other relevant guidelines.

Recommendation

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission recommends that the Judicial Council approve the distribution of \$23,039,970 in IOLTA-formula grants for FY 2018-19 according to the terms of the state Budget Act, and approve the commission's determination that the proposed budget of each individual grant complies with statutory and other guidelines.

In addition, the commission recommends that the council approve the distribution of \$2,575,000 in Equal Access Fund partnership grants to the following legal services agencies for programs conducted jointly with courts to provide legal assistance to self-represented litigants:

1. Alameda County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services
Family Law Day of Court Project ... \$30,000
Family Law Status Conference ... \$65,000
2. Bay Area Legal Aid
San Mateo County Consumer Debt Clinic...\$30,000
3. Bet Tzedek Legal Services

- Self-Help Elder and Dependent Adult Restraining Order Clinic
(Los Angeles County) ... \$80,000
- 4. California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic for Self-Represented Litigants ...\$45,000
- 5. Central California Legal Services, Inc.
Guardianship Project ... \$70,000
Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project (Fresno) ... \$70,000
- 6. East Bay Community Law Center
Traffic Flash Clinic (Alameda) ... \$60,000
- 7. Elder Law and Advocacy
Imperial County Unlawful Detainer/Elder Abuse Restraining Order Clinic ...\$68,000
- 8. Family Violence Law Center
Domestic Violence Pro Per Project (Alameda) ... \$23,000
- 9. Greater Bakersfield Legal Services
Partnership Shriver Grant (Kern) ... \$103,000
- 10. Justice and Diversity Center
Family Law Assisted Self-Help/Case Resolution (FLASH/CARE) Project
(San Francisco) ... \$50,000
Shriver-SASH Self-Help Custody (San Francisco) ... \$80,000
- 11. LACBA Counsel for Justice
Domestic Violence Legal Services Project (Los Angeles) ...\$90,000
- 12. Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Long Beach Self-Help Center ... \$60,000
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- 13. Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara
Shriver-Guardianship Project (Northern Santa Barbara County) ... \$103,000
- 14. Legal Aid of Marin
Community Court Expansion ... \$80,000
- 15. Legal Aid Society of Orange County
Consumer Debt Workshop at Central Justice Center (Orange) ...\$47,000
Consumer Debt Workshop at Norwalk Courthouse (Los Angeles) ...\$35,000
Unlawful Detainer Workshop a at Central Justice Center (Orange) ...\$66,000
Unlawful Detainer Workshop at Norwalk Courthouse (Los Angeles) ...\$60,000
- 16. Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino
Caregivers Accessing Justice Guardianship Program ...\$85,000
- 17. Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.
Name/Gender Change Clinic ...\$85,000
Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project ... \$100,000
- 18. Legal Assistance for Seniors
Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants ...\$58,000
- 19. Legal Services of Northern California
Mother Lode Pro Per Project (Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Placer) ... \$85,000
Small Claims, Guardianship & Shriver Housing Self-Help Project (Yolo) ... \$82,000
- 20. Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
Family Law Information for Parents ... \$90,000
- 21. Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
Chatsworth Self-Help Legal Access Center Project ...\$100,000
Pasadena Unlawful Detainer Assistance Project ...\$80,000
Shriver LA Self-Help Unlawful Detainer Clinic ... \$140,000

- 22. Public Counsel
 - Guardianship Clinic (Los Angeles) ... \$45,000
- 23. Public Law Center
 - Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic ... \$60,000
- 24. Riverside Legal Aid
 - Small Estates Assistance Program ... \$90,000
- 25. San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program
 - Central Division Restraining Order Clinic ... \$100,000
- 26. Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center
 - Consumer Debt Clinic... \$60,000
- Total ... \$2,575,000

See Attachment A, Equal Access Fund: Distribution of Funding for IOLTA-Formula Grants and Partnership Grants under the Budget Act of 2018, for the text of the commission's report and the report's attachments.