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Summary

The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends eight new and three amended Trial Court Trust Fund funds to be held on behalf of the trial courts requests totaling \$5.1 million from seven trial courts. Under the Judicial Council-adopted process, a court may request reduced funding as a result of the court exceeding the 3 percent fund balance cap, to be retained in the Trial Court Trust Fund for the benefit of that court.

Recommendation

Based on actions taken at its meeting on October 21, 2021, the Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 21, 2022, approve:

1. New requests totaling \$3 million (Attachment A), as follows:
 - a. \$32,000 request from Imperial Superior Court to purchase courtroom furniture for the El Centro, Brawley, and Winterhaven courthouses (Attachment B);
 - b. \$42,000 request from Imperial Superior Court for exterior cleaning and improvements to the El Centro courthouse (Attachment C);
 - c. \$199,000 request from Imperial Superior Court for audio visual upgrades, data center appliances, networking equipment, and software licenses (Attachment D);
 - d. \$381,000 request from Kings Superior Court for a new case management system (Attachment E);
 - e. \$111,000 request from Mono Superior Court to replace its outdated overhead projection televisions with light-emitting diode (LED) screens (Attachment F);
 - f. \$507,000 request from Monterey Superior Court for equipping and furnishing the new Family Justice Center and Civil courthouse (Attachment G);
 - g. \$221,000 request from Monterey Superior Court to upgrade the power infrastructure and data center located in the court's King City facility (Attachment H); and
 - h. \$1.5 million request from San Benito Superior Court to digitize physical case files held at an off-site storage facility and to destroy case files that are beyond their retention period (Attachment I).

2. Amended requests totaling \$2.1 million (Attachment J), as follows:
 - a. Request from Calaveras Superior Court to spend the remaining unused funds from a previously approved \$244,000 request on an alternate project. The cost of the initial project was less than anticipated leaving a funds held on behalf balance of \$139,000. The court would like to use the remaining balance to update the audio and video equipment for four courtrooms (Attachment K);
 - b. Request from Monterey Superior Court to hold additional funds from its 2020-21 fund balance in excess of the 3 percent cap in the amount of \$78,000. This amended request adds to the \$169,000 to expand services at King City courthouse. The total amount to be held is \$247,000 (Attachment L); and
 - c. Request from Shasta Superior Court to hold additional funds from its 2020-21 fund balance in excess of the 3 percent cap in the amount of \$1.1 million. This amendment adds to the \$472,000 request originally submitted in July 2020 for facility and courtroom modifications and purchases. The total amount to be held is \$1.6 million (Attachment M).