



Judicial Council of California

Please visit
courts website:
www.courts.ca.gov
to view live meeting on
January 19, 2024

Subject Text

Meeting materials
are available through

File #: 18-155, **Version:** 1

Title

Judicial Council Budget: Allocation of Augmented Funding for Court Appointed Special Advocate Grant Program (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends approving a two-year plan for allocation of \$500,000 in additional Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grant funding, included in the Budget Act of 2018. The augmentation provides funding to support efforts to increase by 20 percent the number of foster youth served (approximately 2,200 additional foster youth) and reduce backlogs of youth in the court system awaiting a volunteer assignment.

Recommendation

The Family Law and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 21, 2018, approve the allocation of \$500,000 to CASA programs as additional base funding for fiscal years (FY) 2018-19 and 2019-20, using the four-tiered base funding methodology adopted by the council in 2013 and reaffirmed at the July 20, 2018, Judicial Council meeting. The proposed distribution amounts are listed in Attachment A, at page 5.