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Pretrial Reform | Pretrial Pilot Program Recommended Awards (Action Required)

Summary

As part of the Budget Act of 2019, the Legislature allocated \$75 million to the Judicial Council to fund the implementation, operation, and evaluation of programs or efforts related to pretrial decisionmaking in at least 10 courts. The Pretrial Reform and Operations Workgroup (PROW) undertook an extensive process to solicit and review applications for funding from the superior courts.

From that process, PROW selected 16 courts and recommends approving Pretrial Pilot Program funding allocations and distribution to those courts, as well as authorization of further pilot program funding opportunities for the courts and authorization of Judicial Council staff to undertake pilot program grant administration activities.

Recommendation

The Pretrial Reform and Operations Workgroup (PROW) recommends that the Judicial Council, effective August 9, 2019:

1. Approve awards of approximately \$68.06 million to 16 superior courts for the period of August 1, 2019, to June 30, 2021, from the Pretrial Pilot Program, as stated in Attachment A;
2. Authorize PROW to approve awards to applicant courts that are not included in this initial allocation, if funds become available;
3. Authorize PROW to make funds available to all interested California trial courts for training, planning, or technical assistance allocations related to the goals of the pilot program, if funds become available; and
4. Authorize Judicial Council staff to work with awarded courts to enable modification or reallocation of budget as necessary, transfer of budgeted amounts from one fiscal year to another, or transfer of unspent funds between courts depending on the court's progress on meeting the scope and goals of the pilot program.

Speakers

Hon. Marsha G. Slough, Chair, Pretrial Reform and Operations Workgroup
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