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Title

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

Summary

The Budget Act of 2019 includes over \$45 million in the Equal Access Fund for distribution to legal services providers and support centers. The Judicial Council has approved an allocation of \$20 million in funding for homelessness prevention projects. The remaining funds are to be 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 \$23,039,910 in IOLTA-formula grants for fiscal year (FY) 2019-20, according to the statutory formula in the state Budget Act, and \$2,666,000 in partnership grants for 2020. The commission further requests approval of its 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, effective September 24, 2019, approve:

1. The distribution of \$23,039,910 in IOLTA-formula grants for FY 2019-20 according to the terms of the state Budget Act;
2. The commission's determination that the proposed budget of each individual grant complies with statutory and other guidelines; and
3. The distribution of \$2,666,000 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:
 - a. Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Self-Help Elder and Dependent Adult Restraining Order Clinic
(Los Angeles County) \$80,000
 - b. Central California Legal Services, Inc.
Guardianship Project \$70,000
Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project (Fresno) \$71,000
Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop \$70,000
 - c. Community Legal Aid SoCal
Consumer Debt Workshop at Norwalk Courthouse (Los Angeles) \$37,000
Orange County Community Court Clinic \$29,000
Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop \$48,000
Unlawful Detainer Workshop at Norwalk Courthouse (Los Angeles) \$59,000

- d. East Bay Community Law Center
Traffic Flash Clinic (Alameda) \$44,000
- e. Elder Law and Advocacy
Imperial County Unlawful Detainer/Elder Abuse Restraining Order Clinic \$68,000
- f. Family Violence Law Center
Domestic Violence Pro Per Project (Alameda) \$25,000
- g. Greater Bakersfield Legal Services
Partnership Shriver Grant (Kern) \$96,000
- h. Housing and Economic Rights Advocates
Probate Clinic (San Joaquin) \$120,000
- i. 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) \$70,000
- j. LACBA (Los Angeles County Bar Association) Counsel for Justice
Domestic Violence Legal Services Project (Los Angeles) \$91,000
- k. Legal Access Alameda
Alameda County Family Law Day of Court Project \$30,000
Family Law Status Conference Project \$65,000
- l. Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Torrance Self-Help Center \$100,000
- m. Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara
Legal Resource Center Partnership (Lompoc and Santa Barbara) \$110,000
- n. Legal Aid of Marin
Community Court Expansion \$80,000
- o. Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino
Caregivers Accessing Justice Guardianship Program \$85,000
- p. Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.
Name & Gender Change Clinic \$85,000
Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project \$80,000
- q. Legal Assistance for Seniors
Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants (Alameda) \$50,000
Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigants (Alameda) \$60,000

- r. Legal Services of Northern California
 - Mother Lode Pro Per Project (Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Placer) \$98,000
 - Small Claims, Guardianship & Shriver Housing Self-Help Project (Yolo) \$85,000
- s. Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
 - Family Law Information for Parents \$90,000
- t. Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
 - Chatsworth Self-Help Legal Access Center Project \$75,000
 - Pasadena Unlawful Detainer Assistance Project \$50,000
 - Shriver LA Self-Help Unlawful Detainer Clinic..... \$90,000
- u. Public Counsel
 - Guardianship Clinic (Los Angeles) \$30,000
- v. Public Law Center
 - De Facto and Adoptive Parent Assistance Project \$50,000
 - Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic \$60,000
- w. Riverside Legal Aid
 - Small Estates Assistance Program \$105,000
- x. San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program
 - Central Division Restraining Order Clinic \$100,000
- y. Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center
 - Consumer Debt Clinic.....\$60,000

Total \$2,666,000