



# Judicial Council of California

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## Subject Text

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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 2020 includes over \$23 million in the Equal Access Fund for general distribution to legal services providers and support centers. The 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 \$21,169,328 in IOLTA-formula grants for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21, according to the statutory formula in the state Budget Act, and \$2,423,410 in partnership grants for 2021. 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 25, 2020, approve:

1. The distribution of \$21,169,328 in IOLTA-formula grants for FY 2020-21 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 \$2,423,410 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) .....\$78,491

#### b. Central California Legal Services, Inc.

Guardianship Project .....\$58,868  
Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project (Fresno) .....\$68,680  
Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop .....\$68,680

#### c. Community Legal Aid SoCal

Orange County Community Court Clinic .....\$34,340  
Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop .....\$22,566  
Unlawful Detainer Workshop at Norwalk Courthouse (Los Angeles) .....\$68,680

#### d. Elder Law and Advocacy

Imperial County Unlawful Detainer/Elder Abuse Restraining Order Clinic .....	\$69,661
<b>e. Family Violence Law Center</b>	
Domestic Violence Pro Per Project (Alameda) .....	\$24,528
<b>f. Housing and Economic Rights Advocates</b>	
Probate Clinic (San Mateo) .....	\$41,208
<b>g. Inland Counties Legal Services</b>	
Consumer Clinic Partnership (San Bernardino).....	\$92,227
<b>h. Justice and Diversity Center</b>	
Family Law Assisted Self-Help/Case Resolution (FLASH/CARE) Project (San Francisco) .....	\$39,246
Shriver-SASH Self-Help Custody (San Francisco) .....	\$72,604
<b>i. LACBA (Los Angeles County Bar Association) Counsel for Justice</b>	
Domestic Violence Legal Services Project (Los Angeles) .....	\$89,284
<b>j. Legal Access Alameda</b>	
Alameda County Family Law Day of Court Project .....	\$29,434
Family Law Status Conference Project.....	\$63,774
<b>k. Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles</b>	
Torrance Self-Help Center .....	\$88,302
<b>l. Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara</b>	
Legal Resource Center Partnership (Lompoc and Santa Barbara) .....	\$114,793
<b>m. Legal Aid of Marin</b>	
Community Court Expansion .....	\$78,491
<b>n. Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino</b>	
Caregivers Accessing Justice Guardianship Program.....	\$98,114
<b>o. Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.</b>	
Name & Gender Marker Change Clinic .....	\$83,397
Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project .....	\$78,491
<b>p. Legal Assistance for Seniors</b>	
Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants (Alameda) .....	\$63,774
Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigants (Alameda) .....	\$63,774
<b>q. Legal Services of Northern California</b>	
Mother Lode Pro Per Project (Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada & Sierra) .....	\$93,208
Small Claims & Guardianship Self-Help Project (Yolo) .....	\$60,831

**r. Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County**

Consumer Technology Project .....\$88,302  
Housing Cases Continuum of Services .....\$79,472  
Stabilizing Families .....\$98,114

**s. Public Counsel**

Guardianship Clinic (Los Angeles) .....\$29,434

**t. Public Law Center**

De Facto and Adoptive Parent Assistance Project .....\$49,057  
Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic .....\$39,245

**u. Riverside Legal Aid**

Small Estates Assistance Program .....\$98,114

**v. San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program**

Central Division Restraining Order Clinic .....\$98,114

**w. San Luis Obispo Legal Aid Foundation**

Rental Clinic .....\$98,114

**Total** .....\$2,423,410