



# Judicial Council of California

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### **Title**

### **Language Access Plan | Signage and Technology Grant Program, FY 2020-21: Requests and Proposed Allocations (Action Required)**

#### **Summary**

The 2018 Budget Act included \$2.55 million ongoing funding for language access signage and technology infrastructure support and equipment needs for the trial courts and the Judicial Council. In September 2019, the Judicial Council approved a grant program to disburse this funding to the trial courts on an annual basis (up to \$1 million per year for language access signage grants, and up to \$1.35 million per year for language access technology grants). For the grant program's second year (fiscal year 2020-21 cycle), 23 courts applied for signage and technology needs. The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness (PAF) and the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) recommend approving the proposed grant award recommendations for the 23 courts that applied, setting aside remaining funding as contingency funding to be used in case of need by the awarded courts, and directing Language Access Services (LAS) staff of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts to draft and execute intra-branch agreements (IBAs) with awarded courts for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21.

#### **Recommendation**

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective November 12, 2020:

1. Approve the proposed Signage and Technology Grant Program, FY 2020-21: Requests and Proposed Allocations memorandum; and
2. Direct LAS staff to work with Branch Accounting and Procurement to draft and execute intra-branch agreements with each awarded court.