



# Judicial Council of California

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### **Title**

### **Equal Access Fund | California Access to Justice Commission Grants (Action Required)**

#### **Summary**

The Budget Act of 2021 (Sen. Bill 129, Stats. 2021, ch. 69) appropriated \$70 million to the Judicial Council for the Equal Access Fund, \$5 million of which must be allocated to the California Access to Justice Commission for grants to civil legal aid nonprofits. These grants are to be used to support the infrastructure and innovation needs of legal services in civil matters for indigent persons.

#### **Recommendation**

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness recommends that the Judicial Council, effective October 1, 2021:

Approve distribution of \$5 million to the California Access to Justice Commission for grants to civil legal aid nonprofits as required by the Budget Act of 2021.