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Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Court Interpreters Program Funding and Allocation Methodology (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends an ongoing, workload-based allocation methodology for Court Interpreters Program funding, including cross assignments, benefit cost changes, and unspent funds effective July 1, 2022.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council approve the following, effective July 1, 2022:

1. A proportional allocation methodology based on a three-year average of expenditure data available (2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20), up to the Court Interpreters Program appropriation amount effective 2022-23, while the Ad Hoc Interpreter Subcommittee continues review of pandemic impact and reporting data considerations effective in 2023-24;
2. Require courts to return to the Judicial Council all unspent 2021-22, 2022-23 and ongoing Court Interpreter Program-allocated funds, which will first reimburse courts with a shortfall in each respective year not to exceed the overall appropriation amount, with any remaining funds reverting to the Trial Court Trust Fund as restricted program funding;
3. Allocate staff interpreter benefits dollar-for-dollar to courts reporting cost benefit changes effective 2022-23; and
4. Require receiving courts to offset extraordinary interpreter expenses to courts providing cross-assignments (or “home” courts) and charge the Ad Hoc Interpreter Subcommittee with working with Judicial Council staff on development of a payment/reimbursement method.

This recommendation was presented to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on December 7, 2021 and approved for consideration by the Judicial Council.

Speakers

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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