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Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act | Continuation of Funding for San Francisco Pilot Project (Action Required)

Summary

The Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (Assem. Bill 590; Stats. 2009, ch. 457) provides that one or more pilot projects selected by the Judicial Council are to be funded to provide legal representation and improved court services to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs. On May 15, 2020, the Judicial Council approved the recommendation of the Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee, based on a competitive application process, to fund 11 pilot projects and defer another three applications for additional consideration. On May 21, 2021, the Judicial Council approved funding for one of the deferred projects for one year through May 31, 2022. The committee now recommends that the project be funded through September 31, 2023, to coincide with the grant cycle for the other Shriver projects. The grant will allow provision of legal representation and improved court services in child custody matters for low-income litigants.

Recommendation

The Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective March 11, 2022, approve a Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act grant for the period June 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$565,872, to the Justice and Diversity Center and the Superior Court of San Francisco.