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Equal Access Fund | Federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund for Housing Issues-Distribution Report (Action Required)

Summary

The Budget Act of 2022 (Sen. Bill 154; Stats. 2022, ch. 43) includes \$20 million of federal funding from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021 in the Equal Access Fund for distribution to legal services providers and support centers to assist with issues relating to housing matters, including eviction defense or other landlord-tenant disputes, or services to prevent foreclosure for homeowners. The State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund Commission requests approval of the distribution of the \$20 million, less administrative costs, as set forth according to the formula specified in the Budget Act.

Recommendation

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 20, 2022, approve distribution of \$20 million in Equal Access Fund housing funds from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021 to the State Bar for those legal services agencies that previously applied for and were determined to meet the eligibility requirements stated in the Budget Act.