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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 (TCBAC) recommends an ongoing allocation methodology for Court Interpreters Program funding. The current methodology requires updating because it was intended to be temporary, until the TCBAC's Ad Hoc Interpreter Subcommittee could develop an ongoing workload-based methodology.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Approve the allocation methodology, excluding the fiscal year 2020-21 pandemic year in the three-year average expenditure data used in the model indefinitely, effective July 1, 2023;
2. Approve the use of historical expenditure data in the model while the Ad Hoc Interpreter Subcommittee continues collaborating with the Language Access Services Program on possible enhancements with the data collected in the Court Interpreter Data Collection System and how that data could be utilized in the allocation methodology, effective July 1, 2023;
3. Approve the approach and methodology for when courts experience a shortfall, in which courts with a shortage will first be covered by other court savings, up to the appropriation amount, after which the Court Interpreters Program fund balance will be used if available savings are insufficient to make a court whole, and funds will be allocated proportionally based on the percentage of the shortfall, if savings or fund balance is insufficient to cover the shortage, effective July 1, 2023;
4. Approve a process whereby "home" courts will submit cross-assignment reimbursements to "receiving" courts for "receiving" courts to cover the costs of interpretation using their Court Interpreters Program allocations, effective January 20, 2023; and
5. Defer inclusion of data on video remote interpreting in the allocation methodology until more data and information is developed and finalized.