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MEMORANDUM

Date November 1, 2022	Action Requested Action Required
To Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee Hon. Stephanie E. Hulse, Cochair Hon. Amy M. Pellman, Cochair	Deadline November 4, 2022
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Subject Access to Visitation Grant Program: Proposed Recommendation for Midyear Reallocation of Unspent Grant Funds for the Fiscal Year 2022–23 Contract Period	

This memorandum presents staff's proposed recommendation for the Access to Visitation (AV) Grant Program midyear reallocation of unspent grant funds for the contract period that began on April 1, 2022 and ends March 31, 2023.

Background

Under the Judicial Council approved funding methodology for the AV Grant Program, grant funds that become available, when a grantee court withdraws from the program or does not spend its full grant award, are distributed to courts that are currently receiving AV funds through a midyear reallocation process based on a needs assessment. Courts submit a

justification for why they should receive additional funding, including completing a detailed questionnaire with the information needed to evaluate appropriate funding reallocation levels. At the Judicial Council's November 17, 2017 meeting, the council approved modification of the AV Grant Program midyear reallocation process delegating authority to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to reallocate and distribute any unspent funds.¹ On January 22, 2021, the Judicial Council again delegated authority to the committee to distribute and reallocate any grant funds for the current nine grantee courts from FY 2021–22 through FY 2023–24.²

Recommendation

Funding Reallocation for the Access to Visitation Contract Year 2022–23

Based on the midyear questionnaires received from eight grantee courts, no courts responded that AV grant funds will remain unspent for the contract period 2022–23. However, effective August 30, 2022, the Superior Court of Del Norte County ended AV grant funded services leaving approximately \$25,000 unspent through the remainder of the contract year, due to the termination of professional supervised visitation services by its subcontractor.

Additional funding requested and recommendations for reallocation

Four of the grantee courts requested a total of \$68,000 of additional 2022–23 AV funding through the midyear questionnaire and needs assessment. Because the total amount of requested funds far exceeds the funds available, Judicial Council program staff recommends reallocating the \$25,000 in unspent funds amongst the courts as follows:

- The Superior Court of Tulare County total grant allocation would receive \$5,000 in additional funding for the remainder of the 2022–23 contract period.³
- The Superior Court of Yuba County total grant allocation would receive \$5,000 in additional funding for the remainder of the 2022–23 contract period.⁴
- The Superior Court of Shasta County total grant allocation would receive \$7,500 in additional funding for the remainder of the 2022–23 contract period.⁵
- The Superior Court of San Francisco County would receive \$7,500 in additional funding for the remainder of the 2022–23 contract period.⁶

¹ <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=5526793&GUID=1E232B38-3A39-44D0-AFF0-4D34DEAE2985>

² <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9020019&GUID=084D8AC5-A4CE-4D88-BEDF-B6AF4C290BFE>

³ The Superior Court of Tulare County requested \$5000 in additional midyear funding.

⁴ The Superior Court of Yuba County requested \$5000 in additional midyear funding.

⁵ The Superior Court of Shasta County requested \$8000 in additional midyear funding.

⁶ The Superior Court of San Francisco County requested \$50,000 in additional midyear funding.

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Contract and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Revisions

If the proposed recommendations are approved by the committee, the Judicial Council will execute an amended contract agreement with the four superior courts receiving additional funding and the one court disencumbering funds. The courts will then execute a revised memorandum of understanding with their local service providers.