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**Date**

February 4, 2025

**Action Requested**

Please review and vote

**To**

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory  
Committee

Hon. Tari L. Cody, Cochair

Hon. Stephanie E. Hulse, Cochair

**Deadline**

February 13, 2025

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**Subject**

Access to Visitation Grant Program: Proposed  
Recommendation for Midyear Reallocation of  
Unspent Grant Funds for the Fiscal Year  
2024–25 Contract Period

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This memorandum presents staff's proposed recommendation to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee for the Access to Visitation (AV) Grant Program midyear reallocation of unspent grant funds for the contract period that began on April 1, 2024 and ends March 31, 2025.

**Background**

At the Judicial Council's November 17, 2017 meeting, to maximize the use of the limited Access to Visitation funds and ensure the funds could be redistributed in a timely manner, the council approved modification of the AV Grant Program midyear reallocation process by delegating authority to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to reallocate and distribute any

unspent funds for contract funding years to courts with existing programs requesting additional funds. Under the Judicial Council's 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 substantiating the need for additional funding, including completing a detailed questionnaire with the information required to evaluate appropriate funding reallocation levels. Program staff requests that the committee approve the following reallocation recommendations for the AV contract year 2024–25.

## **Recommendation**

### **Funding Reallocation for the Access to Visitation Contract Year 2024–25**

Based on the midyear questionnaires received from the eight grantee courts, a total of two courts responded that AV grant funds will remain unspent for the contract period 2024–25 for a total of \$75,296.00.

Two of the eight grantee courts requested a total of \$38,165 of additional 2024–25 AV funding through the midyear questionnaire and needs assessment. Judicial Council program staff recommends reallocating the excess funds as follows for the remainder of the 2024–25 contract period:

- The Superior Court of Shasta County court receive \$28,165 in additional funding;
- The Superior Court of Tulare County court receive \$10,000 in additional funding; and
- Authorize these two courts to use these funds to increase overall service delivery to families and purchase security enhancements to help ensure every reasonable effort is made to assure safety.

Judicial Council staff will develop a plan to expend the remaining unspent grant funds identified through the midyear reallocation process and as yet unidentified funds not expended by the end of the contract period and report on this plan to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee at a future meeting.