



JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 11, 2024

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair; Mr. David H. Yamasaki, Vice Chair; Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki; Hon. Brad R. Hill; Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; Hon. Charles S. Crompton; Hon. Maria D. Hernandez; and Ms. Kate Bieker

Advisory Body Members Absent:

Others Present: Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Angela Cowan, Mr. Chris Belloli, Ms. Melanie Snider, Ms. Frances Ho, Ms. Rose Lane, and Ms. Oksana Tuk

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the July 11, 2024, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting and the July 18, 2024, Action by Email between meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–4)

Item 1: 2024–25 Increased Transcript Rate Allocations (Action Required)

Consideration of 2024–25 allocations for increased transcript rates.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the allocation of the \$7 million appropriation to each trial court proportionally using the council-approved methodology for fiscal year 2024–25, based on an average of the prior three-year transcript expenditures as outlined in Attachment A. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its November 15, 2024, business meeting.*

Item 2: 2024–25 Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program Pro Rata Distribution for a Mid-Cycle Allocation (Action Required)

Consideration of an allocation methodology for additional grant funds to current Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program recipients.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the mid-cycle allocation methodology to distribute an additional \$3.6 million to current pilot projects on a pro rata basis as outlined in Attachment A*

and allow pilot projects to spend their allocations during fiscal years 2024–25 and 2025–26. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its November 15, 2024, business meeting.

Item 3: Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program for 2024–25 Through 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocations for Cycle 3 Firearm Relinquishment Grant awards for FYs 2024–25 through 2025–26.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Council at its November 15, 2024, business meeting:*

- 1. Approve the allocation and distribution of \$9.1 million to six trial courts to fund new or expanded firearm relinquishment programs for 2024–25 and 2025–26 as outlined in Attachment A; and*
- 2. Delegate authority to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to reallocate and distribute any unspent funding allocated to any of the awarded courts in Cycles 1, 2, and 3, based on the same criteria established during the application period.*

Item 4: 2023–24 Final Adjustments for Year-end Fund Balances (Action Required)

Review of final one-time adjustments for 2023–24 year-end fund balances for the trial courts.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the final 2023–24 year-end adjustment of a 3 percent fund balance cap allocation reduction of \$25.5 million, which nets to \$1.5 million after adjusting for \$24 million in applicable Funds Held on Behalf requests. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its November 15, 2024, business meeting.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on December 10, 2024.