

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RFP Number: CFCC 12-13-LM

**Cost Benefit and Qualitative Evaluation of Pilot Projects under
the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act**

May 19, 2014

1. How many new projects do you expect to fund with this RFP (as opposed to renewed funding for pilot projects that are already underway)?

Answer: There is no set number of new versus renewed projects. Government Code section 68651(b)(5) provides that after the initial three-year period, the Judicial Council shall distribute any future funds available as a result of the termination or nonrenewal of a project, "in consultation with each participating project in light of the project's capacity and success." The initial three-year period will end on September 30, 2014. After the initial three-year period, the Judicial Council shall distribute any future funds available as the result of the termination or nonrenewal of a project.

2. What kind of data are you hoping to collect that you do not have already?

Answer: Additional data will focus on information to prepare the report to the legislature required by Government Code section 68651(B). This will include "the impact of counsel on equal access to justice and the effect on court administration and efficiency, and enhanced coordination between courts and other government service providers and community resources." Additional data is likely to be needed to "describe the benefits of providing representation to those who were previously not represented, both for the clients and the courts" and to "describe the impact of representation families and children and to identify continuing unmet legal needs."

END OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS