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Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, San Francisco

WHAT: At a public meeting, the [Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee](#) will discuss court projects and programs recommended to receive an estimated \$75 million from the Trial Court Trust Fund and the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in the current fiscal year. Examples of areas that receive primary support from these funds include self-help centers, technology support and initiatives, the complex civil litigation program, and education of judges and court staff. The advisory committee will submit allocation recommendations to the Judicial Council for consideration at its meeting Aug 22–23.

The advisory committee's [meeting agenda](#) includes discussion of recommendations for funding priorities for fiscal year 2014–2015, which will also be presented for Judicial Council consideration. The committee will also consider a change to the new allocation methodology for operating funds that was passed by the Judicial Council last month. The proposed change involves a process by which courts with workload issues not yet addressed by the allocation method could request adjustments.

WHEN: Wednesday, Aug 14, 2013; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Judicial Council Conference Center, Hiram Johnson State Office Building, Third Floor, Ronald M. George State Office Complex, 455 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco. A live audiocast of the meeting will be on the [California Courts website](#).

WHO and WHY: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee ([roster](#)) was appointed in June 2013 by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye to advise the [Judicial Council](#) on the preparation, development, and implementation of the budget for California's 58 trial courts and to provide input to the council on policy issues affecting trial court funding.

The advisory committee invites courts and the public to submit written comment in advance of the meeting or to request time to speak during the meeting's comment period. Comments and speaking requests may be submitted via [email](#). Speakers will be scheduled in order of requests received. Depending upon demand, speakers may be time-limited at the discretion of the committee chairs.

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