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**Trial Courts: Allocations From  
the State Trial Court  
Improvement and Modernization  
Fund and Trial Court Trust Fund  
for Court-Related Projects and  
Programs**

Judicial Council Meeting

August 23, 2013

# Role of the Judicial Council

- The Judicial Council has the statutory authority to allocate funding appropriated in the annual budget act from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) and the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF).
- The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) has provided recommendations for allocations from the IMF and the TCTF Programs 30.05 and 30.15 appropriations for various trial court related projects and programs.



# TCBAC Rev/Exp Subcommittee

- The Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee met on August 1, 2013 to review the IMF revenues and propose 2013-2014 allocation levels from the IMF.
- In 2012-2013 the IMF experienced a deficit of \$18.5 million. The TCBAC is recommending an allocation level that is projected to result in a \$14.1 million deficit in 2013-2014.
- The Subcommittee will start meeting in the next few months to discuss how to address the structural deficit and propose allocation levels for 2014-2015 and beyond.

# Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee took action on its recommendations to the council at its August 14, 2013 meeting.
- All of the recommendations presented today were approved unanimously (30-0).



# Recommendation 1

- Allocate \$67.09 million from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in FY 2013–2014
  - \$1.13 million in funding for 5 new allocations
  - maintaining 26 projects and programs at their 2012–2013 allocation level
  - increases and decreases for 30 projects and programs that net to a overall decrease of \$5.96 million



# Recommendation 2

- Allocate \$1.73 million for the Domestic Violence - Family Law Interpreter Program from the Trial Court Trust Fund Program using the Program 45.45 (Court Interpreter) expenditure authority.



# Recommendation 3

- Allocate \$23.41 million from the Trial Court Trust Fund Programs 30.05 and 30.15 expenditure authority in FY 2013–2014
  - maintaining 3 projects and programs at their 2012–2013 allocation level
  - increases and decreases for 6 projects and programs that net to a overall decrease of \$3.37 million



# Recommendation 4

- Delegate to the Administrative Director of the Courts, subject to the recommended guidelines provided in the report, the limited authority to transfer State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund allocations between projects and programs.





# End of Presentation



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