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**Trial Court Allocations:
Maximum Reimbursement of
Unused Savings from TCTF
Program 45.45 for Court
Interpreter Expenditures**

Judicial Council Meeting

April 24, 2014

Previous Judicial Council Action

January 23, 2014

- Ad Hoc Joint Working Group to Address Interpreter Issues presents recommendations to council
- Council takes action



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Previous Judicial Council Action

- Courts can be reimbursed from TCTF Program 45.45 and unspent savings for the following cases:
 - Domestic violence
 - Family law with DV issues
 - Elder and dependent adult abuse
 - Civil cases with indigent parties



Previous Judicial Council Action

- TCBAC directed to provide recommendations at April 2014 council meeting on the maximum amount each court will be eligible to receive in reimbursement from the unused savings.



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Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- TCBAC created an Interpreter Funding Subcommittee that presented recommendations to TCBAC on February 26. TCBAC:
 - Approved 4 recommendations and
 - Referred implementation of expansion of interpreter services in **civil cases to CEAC**



Court Executives Advisory Committee

- CEAC met on April 2. They unanimously approved an alternate to TCBAC's recommendation 1 that would allocate interpreter funds on a regional, rather than court, basis, except for courts that are not in a region.



Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- TCBAC met again on April 17. They approved amending their original recommendation 1 to reflect the CEAC proposal.



Recommendation 1

- Each interpreter region is eligible to receive from the unused savings a % of the unused savings equal to the average % of Program 45.45 reimbursements it received over the past 5 years. Solano and Ventura County Superior Courts are eligible for individually earmarked funds based on the same methodology.



Recommendation 2

- AOC staff should track rate at which the unused savings are drawn down and report this each month to trial courts.
- TCBAC should review this information at least once each quarter.



Recommendation 3

- In FY 2013-14, if mandated and DV costs exceed \$92.7 million, use unspent savings.
- Set aside shortfall amount from unspent savings for FY 2014-15.
- If entire \$92.7 million not used in FY 2013-14, add to regions and 2 courts for FY 2014-15
- Direct staff to seek expenditure authority to permit reimbursement from unused savings in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Recommendation 4

- Expenditures for reimbursements for interpreters for indigent parties in civil cases are to be tracked separately.
- Data should be tracked monthly to determine how quickly savings are being spent.
- Direct AOC staff to create procedures that would collect this data from Phoenix Financial System.

End of Presentation

