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Judicial Council Request for 2020-21 Trial Court Trust Fund Revenue Backfill and State Court Facilities Construction Fund Reimbursement Authority Increase

Pursuant to Provision 2 of Item 0250-113-0001 and Provision 1 of Item 0250-001-3037, 2020 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received a request from the Judicial Council to transfer \$43,102,000 from Item 0250-113-0001 to the Trial Court Trust Fund to backfill lost revenue in fiscal year 2020-21 that supports trial court operations. The 2020 Budget Act included up to \$273,761,000 General Fund to backfill lost revenues for the Trial Court Trust Fund for 2019-20 and 2020-21. This is the Judicial Council's final transfer request to backfill lost revenues for the Trial Court Trust Fund. In April, the Judicial Council requested their first transfer of \$82,373,000 to backfill lost revenues for the current year which was necessitated by the magnitude of lost revenues due to impacts from the COVID-19 Pandemic. This brings the total backfill to \$197,719,000 for 2019-20 and 2020-21, which is \$76,042,000 lower than the backfill anticipated in the 2020 Budget Act.

In addition, the Department of Finance has received a request from the Judicial Council to increase its State Court Facilities Construction Fund reimbursement authority by \$6,314,000 million to collect the counties' share of costs for facility modification projects in shared facilities. Since counties operate as shared occupants within properties managed by the Judicial Council, this additional reimbursement authority is necessary to collect the counties' share of costs for increased facility modification projects in 2020-21.

We concur with the necessity of these changes to the approved budget.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Mark Jimenez, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

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