

From: [Klement, Tal \(PDR\)](#)
To: [Lacoste, Lyslynn \(PDR\)](#); [Lee, Patricia \(PDR\)](#); [Evangelista, Roberto \(PDR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Important Updates on CARE Court
Date: Friday, August 11, 2023 6:10:21 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: "McGary, Lauren" <Lauren.McGary@calbar.ca.gov>
Date: August 11, 2023 at 5:38:41 PM PDT
Cc: "McConkey, Christopher" <Christopher.McConkey@calbar.ca.gov>
Subject: Important Updates on CARE Court

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear 2023–2024 CARE Court Stakeholders,

The State Bar of California is reaching out to provide important updates on the status of the funding to represent CARE Court respondents in fiscal year 2023–2024. Please read this email in its entirety as it includes important next steps for both qualified legal services projects (QLSPs) and county public defender offices.

Funding Allocation

Yesterday, the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) approved grants to two QLSPs to represent respondents in San Francisco County. In addition to these two QLSPs, eight public defender offices will receive funding: Glenn, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne. The tables below detail the tentative funding allocation for each organization and county.

Tentative Funding for QLSPs and Public Defenders to Represent Respondents

| County | Allocation* | Amount to QLSPs | Amount to public defenders |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Glenn | \$60,000 | \$0 | \$60,000 |
| Los Angeles | \$10,158,089 | \$0 | \$10,158,089 |
| Orange | \$2,852,842 | \$0 | \$2,852,842 |
| Riverside | \$2,490,970 | \$0 | \$2,490,970 |
| San Diego | \$3,135,413 | \$0 | \$3,135,413 |
| San Francisco | \$1,230,524 | \$752,095** | \$478,429 |
| Stanislaus | \$412,162 | \$0 | \$412,162 |

| | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Tuolumne | \$60,000 | \$0 | \$60,000 |
| Total | \$20,400,000 | \$752,095 | \$19,647,905 |

* The [Budget Act of 2023](#) provides at least \$20,400,000 for QLSPs and public defenders to represent respondents in 2023–2024. It also allocates up to \$1,020,000 for qualified support centers to provide legal training and technical assistance to implement the CARE Act. No support centers applied for funding in 2023–2024. Some amounts for public defenders might increase if some or all of the \$1,020,000 for support centers is distributed among the participating counties. The amount of these funds to distribute (if any) is pending during the Legislature’s process to amend this year’s budget.

****QLSP Funding Table**

| Organization | Amount |
|--|------------------|
| Legal Assistance to the Elderly | \$381,694 |
| Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco | \$370,401 |
| Total | \$752,095 |

Funding Distribution

Before funding can be distributed to each recipient, the State Bar must obtain funds through the Judicial Council of California. While we are working with the Judicial Council to expedite this process, we aim to distribute funds by the end of this calendar year. However, all funding recipients will be required to sign an agreement with the State Bar and begin providing services in CARE Court proceedings by October 1, 2023, (by December 1, 2023, for Los Angeles County). If the timing of the distribution of funds poses a challenge for your office, please let us know so that we may share this information with the other agencies involved in the funding distribution process.

Reporting Requirements

Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2023, CARE Court funding recipients must track and report their expenditures, outcomes, and other data. The LSTFC CARE Court Grants Committee will meet to finalize reporting requirements in late August. We will send an email with the final reporting requirements shortly after this committee meeting.

(For County Public Defender Offices) Contact Information Request

Please provide contact information for the individual(s) in your office authorized to sign an agreement prior to receiving payments from the State Bar. Please also identify the individual(s) responsible for the overall administration of these funds, including the reporting requirements. We request that you reply to this email with the names, roles/titles, phone numbers, and email addresses of these individuals and any others who should receive communications from us. You may further identify them as primary or secondary contacts, and we will direct future communications to them accordingly.

What’s Next?

As we prepare for CARE Court appointments to begin on/after October 1, 2023, (December 1, 2023, for Los Angeles County), we will schedule the following activities in

the coming weeks:

- Distribution of agreements for QLSPs and public defenders to receive funds;
- Distribution of the finalized reporting requirements;
- Introductory webinars to explain the reporting requirements and to answer questions;
- Onboarding to the State Bar's portal for reporting; and
- Optional one-on-one appointments with State Bar staff to answer questions.

Please keep an eye out for emails with more detailed information from us.

Lastly, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. You may contact Christopher McConkey, Program Supervisor, at christopher.mcconkey@calbar.ca.gov, and me, Lauren McGary, Senior Program Analyst, at lauren.mcgary@calbar.ca.gov, with your inquiries.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Lauren McGary
Senior Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion
[The State Bar of California](#) | 845 South Figueroa Street | Los Angeles, CA 90017
213-765-1314 | lauren.mcgary@calbar.ca.gov

Working to protect the public in support of the mission of the State Bar of California.

Please consider the environment before printing this email.

[LinkedIn](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)