



# The State Bar of California

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## Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) CARE Court Grants Committee Meeting

Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Monday, April 17, 2023  
3:00–5:00 p.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:**

The LSTFC CARE Court Grants Committee meeting commenced in open session at 3:00 p.m.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:**

4:38 p.m.

**Chair:**

Christian Schreiber

**Committee Coordinator:**

Christopher McConkey

**Members Present:**

Catherine Blakemore, Venetta Campbell, Efrain Escobedo, Eric Isken, Hon. Clifford Klein, Christian Schreiber

**Members Absent:**

None

### OPEN SESSION

**1. Call to Order**

The LSTFC CARE Court Grants Committee was called to order by Chair Schreiber.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and quorum was established. Chair Schreiber delayed public comment until after agenda item 3.1.

**3. Discussion and Action Items**

**3.1 Discuss the 2023 CARE Court Grant Timeline, Application, and Parameters**

Program Supervisor Christopher McConkey presented on the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act. The CARE Act creates a court program that starts on October 1, 2023, for Glenn, Orange, Riverside, San Francisco, San Diego, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties. All other counties must start by December 1, 2024. Los Angeles County, however, is accelerating its participation to December 1, 2023.

The CARE Act requires the LSTFC to fund qualified legal services projects (QLSPs) to represent clients (respondents) in CARE Act proceedings, CARE agreements, and CARE plans. CARE Courts must appoint a public defender (PD) to represent respondents unless a QLSP has agreed to do so. The LSTFC must also fund

support centers to provide training, support, and coordination to implement the CARE Act.

In January 2023, the Governor proposed \$6.1 million for QLSP, PD, and support center services in 2023–2024. Some of that would need to cover State Bar costs to administer these dollars. The Budget Act of 2023 will authorize the final amount and distribution parameters for these funds.

Each county will need funding for QLSPs and PDs to represent respondents. The Office of Access & Inclusion has proposed that each county get an allocation for which QLSPs could apply. Any amount not going to a QLSP to serve a county would go to its PD's office instead. County allocations would be based on their share of the general population for all participating counties with a funding floor and adjustment for the cost of providing representation. Program Supervisor McConkey then presented sample county allocations and a grantmaking timeline.

Chair Schreiber invited members of the public to comment on any item on the agenda. Claire Solot, Managing Director of the Bigglesworth Family Foundation, commented on item 3.1.

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Schreiber adjourned the meeting.

**ADJOURN**