



The State Bar of California

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

Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Tuesday, June 27, 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:

4:58 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

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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 asked if there was anyone who wished to make a public comment. There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Open Session Minutes: April 17, 2023

Approval of April 17, 2023, Open Session Minutes

Moved by Isken, seconded by Klein.

Ayes – (5) Blakemore, Campbell, Isken, Klein, Schreiber

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Escobedo

Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Action Items

4.1 Approve the 2023–2024 CARE Court Grant Request for Proposals

Program Supervisor Christopher McConkey presented about the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and the bill (SB 101) that would become the Budget Act of 2023. Both measures authorize the LSTFC to make 2023–2024 CARE Court grants to qualified legal services projects and support centers. Program Supervisor McConkey also presented a draft request for proposals (RFP) for these grants. The RFP includes information about the grant timeline, requirements, funding allocations, scoring rubric, application topics, and potential reporting requirements.

The committee discussed whether the CARE Court grants may fund “auxiliary” legal services that are related to CARE agreements and CARE plans. After hearing from the Legal Aid Association of California, the committee clarified in the RFP that “lobbying and legal services unrelated to CARE agreements and CARE plans (e.g., helping a client to apply for immigration status) fall outside the scope of SB 101.” The committee then voted on the draft RFP.

RESOLVED, that the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) CARE Court Grants Committee, acting on behalf of the LSTFC under its delegated authority, approves the request for proposals for 2023–2024 CARE Court grants as described in State Bar staff’s June 27, 2023, memo, including Attachment A, as amended by the committee during today’s meeting.

Moved by Isken, seconded by Escobedo.

Ayes – (6) Blakemore, Campbell, Escobedo, Isken, Klein, Schreiber

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

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

ADJOURN