



The State Bar of California

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

Open Session Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2023
1:00–2:00 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The LSTFC CARE Court Grants Committee meeting commenced in open session at 1:01 p.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 1:27 p.m.

Chair: Eric Isken

Committee Coordinator: Christopher McConkey

Members Present: Catherine Blakemore, Venetta Campbell, Eric Isken, Hon. Clifford Klein

Liaisons Present: Laura Brown, Judicial Council of California
Melanie Snider, Judicial Council of California

Members Absent: Efrain Escobedo

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Open Session Minutes: August 23, 2023

Commissioner Blakemore moved to approve the August 23, 2023, minutes.

Moved by Blakemore, seconded by Isken.

Ayes – (3) Blakemore, Campbell, Isken

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (2) Escobedo, Klein

Motion carried.

4. Discussion and Action Items

4.1 Recommend 2023–2024 Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Awards to the LSTFC

Program Supervisor McConkey presented that the CARE Act creates a new court program where adults with severe mental health issues can access behavioral health care, stabilization medication, housing, and other services. The LSTFC may fund support centers and other entities to provide training, support, and coordination for that program.

The Budget Act of 2023, as amended, provides up to \$1,020,000 for support centers and other entities to provide legal training and technical assistance. No support centers applied but one agency applied as an “other entity.” The scoring team recommended that proposal for funding:

Applicant	Score	Recommend	Amount
Scores of 56–80 (recommend for funding)			
Indigent Defense Improvement Division, Office of the State Public Defender	62	Yes	\$254,850

Program Supervisor McConkey reported that the remaining \$765,150 would be distributed among the participating counties via the formula allocation for qualified legal services projects and public defender offices.

Following discussion, the committee heard the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) CARE Court Grants Committee, acting on behalf of the LSTFC under its delegated authority, recommends the 2023–2024 CARE Court Grant recipient and amount as described in State Bar staff’s memo dated September 28, 2023.

Moved by Blakemore, seconded by Judge Klein.

Ayes – (4) Blakemore, Campbell, Klein, Isken

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Escobedo

Motion carried.

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

ADJOURN