



## **MEETING AGENDA**

**12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March, 31, 2015**  
**By Telephone Conference Call**

**Number: 1-888-670-3525 Code: 2923925849#**

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- I. Reallocation of Remaining Technology Funds under Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative

## **Agenda Item I: Reallocation of Remaining Technology Funds under Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative**

### **Background:**

During the 2013 Legislative Session, the State Courts System (SCS) received a two-year appropriation from the National Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement funds to be used for judicial and case management resources (\$16 million), as well as technology resources (\$5.3 million), to reduce the backlog of foreclosure cases. Under chapter 2013-106, Laws of Florida, the funds may be expended “through the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Any funds that are encumbered by June 30, 2015, must be disbursed by September 30, 2015. On September 30, 2015, any funds that remain undisbursed must be transferred to the State Housing Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity.”

At its May 2013 meeting, the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) approved FY 2013-14 circuit allocations for case management and judicial resources in the amount of approximately \$9.7 million. The remaining amount was allocated in FY 2014-15.

The TCBC fully allocated the \$5.3 million for technology resources in FY 2013-14, based on circuit requests. The funds were available to be spent over the next two fiscal years.

### **Current:**

There are three months remaining in the Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative. OSCA staff have closely monitored expenditures in an effort to ensure all technology funds from the initial \$5.3 million allocation are encumbered prior to the June 30, 2015, deadline. Recently, an e-mail request was sent by OSCA staff to Trial Court Administrators and Court Technology Officers asking them to evaluate their expenditures to date to determine if they would have any unexpended funds available for reallocation. They were also asked to submit requests for additional funding, if those funds could be spent by June 30, 2015, to continue the implementation of their Court Application Processing System (CAPS). Based on the responses received, \$268,337 was identified for reallocation. Additionally, five circuits requested a total of \$400,240.

### ***Proposed Funding Criteria***

Total funding requested exceeds funding available for reallocation. Staff from the offices of Resource Planning and Information Systems Services propose a funding criteria based on giving priority to those circuit requests that will utilize the funding for completion of the initial implementation of CAPS. **Attachment A** reflects circuit expenditures of foreclosure technology funds to date, available funds for reallocation, circuit requests for additional funding, and a proposed reallocation.

### **Decision Needed**

Option 1: Approve the proposed allocations reflected on Attachment A, based on the above proposed funding criteria.

Option 2: Approve alternative funding criteria and allocations.

Option 3: Do not reallocate available funds.

***Availability of Additional Funds***

As the fiscal year comes to a close, circuits may have additional unencumbered technology funds available for reallocation. Any potential reallocations would need to be done quickly so the receiving circuits could encumber the funds before June 30, 2015.

**Decision Needed**

Option 1: If any funds become available, authorize OSCA to work with circuits to apply existing criteria and reallocate funds.

Option 2: Present any additional requests for reallocation to the TCBC.

Option 3: Do not reallocate available funds.

**Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative**  
**Proposed Reallocation of Technology Funds**  
**FY 2014-15**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Adjusted Allocation</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>Funds Available for Reallocation</b>	<b>Additional Funds Requested</b>	<b>Requested Resources</b>	<b>Proposed Allocation*</b>
Reserve			\$11,004			
1	\$310,160	\$18,575				
2	\$342,000	\$203,936		\$100,000	\$80,000 aiSmartBench Backup; \$20,000 Additional aiSmartBench Disk Storage	\$100,000
3	\$55,000	\$0		\$25,000	Complete return integration for aiSmartBench	\$25,000
4	\$0	\$0		\$42,000	Programming to map data to CAPS	\$42,000
5	\$791,104	\$444,099				
6	\$128,117	\$8,270		\$50,000	Complete connection to JAWS and allow integration of Clericus	\$50,000
7	\$574,300	\$498,800	TBD			
8	\$510,000	\$6,227				
9	\$0	\$0				
10	\$0	\$0				
11	\$1,373,675	\$775,347	\$250,000			
12	\$0	\$0				
13	\$57,090	\$57,090				
14	\$252,250	\$108,599				
15	\$169,500	\$940	\$1,333			
16	\$10,000	\$10,000				
17	\$500,000	\$420		\$183,240	\$50,000 Automated Lack of Prosecution Court Order Svc.; \$50,000 On-Demand Form Order Svc.; \$80,000 Batch Document Repository Svc.; \$3,240 Computers/Printers	\$51,337
18	\$169,000	\$11				
19	\$117,500	\$36,688	\$6,000			
20	\$0	\$0				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,359,696</b>	<b>\$2,169,002</b>	<b>\$268,337</b>	<b>\$400,240</b>		<b>\$268,337</b>
<b>Difference =</b>				<b>(\$131,903)</b>		

\* Recommendations based on implementation status of the Court Application Processing System.

OSCA, Resource Planning and Support Services, March 27, 2015.