



**BLAKE DISBURSEMENT PLAN: INFORMATION SHEET [JULY 6, 2021]**

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the AOC was allocated \$72,500,000 by the Legislature to address the aftereffects of the *State v. Blake* decision. The information included in this document is a roadmap to understanding AOC's plan for distribution. The \$72,500,000 was allocated to AOC as follows:

**Resentencing and Vacating**

- A one-year allocation of \$44,500,000, as identified in ESSB 5092 Sec. 115(5), to assist counties with the cost of resentencing and vacating the sentences of defendants affected by *Blake*.
- Counties who wish to be reimbursed for the **extraordinary**<sup>1</sup> costs associated with the resentencing and vacating of defendants whose convictions and sentences are affected by *Blake* will sign a contract provided by AOC.
- This contract will include the maximum reimbursement amounts for each county, which will be determined by the most current DOC *Blake* population data.
- Counties will be responsible for determining the portion of the AOC reimbursement that will be used for costs incurred by the courts, clerks, prosecutors, or other activities associated with resentencing and vacating.

**Legal Financial Obligations [LFOs]**

- A one-year allocation of \$23,500,000 in Sec. 115(6) of ESSB 5092, which will be used to reimburse LFOs paid by defendants seeking refunds.
- Distribution of funds will be based on the percentage of the state total of paid LFOs over a ten-year lookback period associated with RCWs impacted by *Blake* that will have to be reimbursed by a city or county.
- Contracts will be executed with the relevant cities and counties which will then determine the portion of the AOC reimbursement funding that will be used for LFO refund processing costs (i.e. **extraordinary**<sup>2</sup> staff costs) and the portion that will be used for actual LFO reimbursement.

**Funding for Therapeutic Courts in Courts of Limited Jurisdiction**

- A two-year allocation in ESB 5476 Sec. 23 for \$2,250,000 per year will be used to fund grants for therapeutic courts operated by municipalities and district courts. Discussions are still ongoing regarding the funding distribution methodology.

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<sup>1</sup>The AOC has interpreted "extraordinary expenses" to mean any work that requires additional resources to process *Blake*-related cases or hinders the ability to perform regularly-assigned work duties requiring a "backfill" of those resources.

<sup>2</sup> See Footnote 1.