



## Board for Judicial Administration (BJA)

### BUDGET AND FUNDING STANDING COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### I. **Committee Title**

Budget and Funding Committee (BFC)

#### II. **Authority**

Board for Judicial Administrative Rules (BJAR 3)

#### III. **Purpose and Policy**

The BFC is created by the BJA and is responsible for 1) coordinating efforts to achieve adequate, stable and long-term funding of Washington's courts to provide equal justice throughout the state, and 2) reviewing and making recommendations, including prioritization, regarding proposed budget requests routed through the BJA.

##### *Recommendation and Prioritization Criteria*

The review and recommendations will be made in accord with the mission, core functions and Principal Policy Goals of the Washington State Judicial Branch and the Board for Judicial Administration.

The BFC will also take into consideration other factors including:

- Impact on constitutional and/or state mandates
- Impact on the fair and effective administration of justice in all civil, criminal, and juvenile cases
- Enhancement of accessibility to court services
- Improved access to necessary representation
- Improvement of court management practices
- Appropriate staffing and support

The BFC has the authority to establish guidelines regulating the format and content of budget request information received for the purposes of review, recommendation and prioritization.

#### **IV. Membership and Terms**

Members of the BFC must be voting members of the BJA. Members will be selected by the representative associations.

DMCJA Repetitive  
SCJA Representative  
COA Representative

#### **V. Committee Interaction**

Groups interested in seeking BJA support for funding initiatives must submit materials in accordance with AOC and BFC guidelines. The BFC will communicate and coordinate with other BJA standing committees when budget requests impact their mission.

#### **VI. Reporting Requirements**

The BFC will review materials as submitted and forward its recommendation to the BJA.

#### **VII. Recommended Review Date**

January 1, 2019

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*Amended: September 19, 2014*

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