



# Municipalities and *Blake* Funding

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# What the Legislature Provided:



“\$11,500,000...is provided solely to assist cities with costs of complying with the *State v. Blake* ruling that arise from the city’s role in operating the municipal criminal justice system...”

“\$10,000,000...is provided solely to establish a legal financial obligation aid pool for cities to refund legal financial obligations and collection costs previously paid by defendants whose convictions have been vacated by court order due to the *State v. Blake* ruling.”

# How is Funding Distributed?



Reimbursable contracts will be issued by the Administrative Office of the Courts to 112 cities by mid-June.

Contracts will specify a maximum amount to be reimbursed – this approach allows each city to share in the pool according to a calculated share.

# Methodology



The same methodology used to calculate county LFO distributions last August is the same methodology used for the cities' LFO pool: A 10-year average of LFOs paid between 2007-2016.

Assuming that LFOs roughly translate to total caseload, those same proportions are used to distribute the \$11.5M of vacating and resentencing funds.

# What if my City Isn't on the List?



AOC is holding back \$500,000 from each of the pools in case other cities that did not initially receive a contract have costs that qualify for reimbursement.

After January 2023, these funds will also be used to provide reimbursements to cities that hit their maximum contracted amounts and need additional funds for reimbursement\*.

*\*To date, no contracted entity has exceeded their contracted Blake amount.*

# Eligible Expenses



Regarding the costs of vacating and resentencing:

“The office shall contract with cities for judicial, clerk, prosecution, and defense expenses for these purposes.” – page 19, lines 34-35, 2022 Supplemental Budget

# Direct Refund Bureau Coming



Reminder: The Legislature provided funding for AOC to stand up a direct refund bureau so that qualifying individuals could apply directly to AOC for their refund. These individuals will need to be certified by municipal administrators prior to payment.

A workgroup has been established to deal with the mechanics of implementing this bureau.

***Target date of implementation: July 1, 2023***

# Questions?



If you think of a question after the webinar ends, please feel free to contact me:

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