

County of El Dorado

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Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board approve a Budget Transfer transferring \$350,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the Superior Court Maintenance of Effort related to the Indigent Defense program due to a capital murder case in South Lake Tahoe that has incurred expenses in excess of \$397,000. (4/5 vote required)

FUNDING: General Fund - Department 15.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost	Indigent Defense	\$350,000
Funding		
Budgeted	\$	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other - Contingency	\$ 350,000	
	\$	
Change To Net County Cost		\$ 350,000

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: This budget transfer will result in an increase in net county cost of \$350,000 in the Superior Court Maintenance of Effort budget (Department 20). Department 15 General Fund Contingency will also be reduced by \$350,000.

Reason for Recommendation: The FY 2012-13 budget includes an estimate of expenses related to the Indigent Defense program. These expenses are estimated and it is impossible to predict the needs of the Superior Court related to cases, trials, etc. In FY 2012-13, the expenses have exceed those estimates primarily due to a capital murder trial in South Lake Tahoe. To date, this trial has incurred expenses of approximately \$397,000. This budget transfer from the General Fund Contingency is needed to pay the remainder of the expense obligations for the Indigent Defense program through the end of the fiscal year.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Chair to sign budget transfer.

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