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DIVISION 1. DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS [100 - 472.5] (*Heading of Division 1 amended by Stats. 1973, Ch. 77.*)

CHAPTER 8. Dispute Resolution Programs [465 - 471.5] (*Chapter 8 added by Stats. 1986, Ch. 1313, Sec. 1.*)

ARTICLE 6. Funding [470 - 470.6] (*Article 6 added by Stats. 1986, Ch. 1313, Sec. 1.*)

470. A county may accept and disburse funds from any public or private source for the purposes of this chapter.

(*Added by Stats. 1986, Ch. 1313, Sec. 1.*)

470.1. (a) A grant recipient may accept funds from any public or private source for the purposes of this chapter.

(b) A county and its representatives may inspect, examine, and audit the fiscal affairs of the programs and the projects funded under this chapter.

(c) Programs shall, whenever reasonably possible, make use of public facilities at free or nominal costs.

(*Added by Stats. 1986, Ch. 1313, Sec. 1.*)

470.2. A county's share of the funding pursuant to this chapter shall not exceed 50 percent of the approved estimated cost of the program.

(*Added by Stats. 1986, Ch. 1313, Sec. 1.*)

470.5. (a) On and after January 1, 2006, as described in Section 68085.1 of the Government Code, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall make monthly distributions from superior court filing fees for the support of dispute resolution programs under this chapter in each county that has acted to establish a program. The amount distributed in each county shall be equal to the following:

(1) From each first paper filing fee collected by the court as provided under Section 70611 or 70612, subdivision (a) of Section 70613, subdivision (a) of Section 70614, or Section 70670 of the Government Code, and each first paper or petition filing fee collected by the court in a probate matter as provided under Section 70650, 70651, 70652, 70653, or 70655 of the Government Code, the same amount as was required to be collected for the support of dispute resolution programs in that county as of December 31, 2005, when a fee was collected for the filing of a first paper in a civil action under Section 26820.4 of the Government Code.

(2) From each first paper filing fee in a limited civil case collected by the court as provided under subdivision (b) of Section 70613 or subdivision (b) of Section 70614 of the Government Code, and each first paper or petition filing fee collected by the court in a probate matter as provided under Section 70654, 70656, or 70658 of the Government Code, the same amount as was required to be collected for the support of dispute resolution programs in that county as of December 31, 2005, when a fee was collected for the filing of a first paper in a civil action under Section 72055 of the Government Code where the amount demanded, excluding attorney's fees and costs, was ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less.

(b) Distributions under this section shall be used only for the support of dispute resolution programs authorized by this chapter. The county shall deposit the amounts distributed under this section in an account created and maintained for this purpose by the county. Records of these distributions shall be available for inspection by the public upon request.

(c) After January 1, 2006, a county that does not already have a distribution from superior court filing fees under this section and that establishes a dispute resolution program authorized by this chapter may approve a distribution under this section. A county that already has a distribution under this section may change the amount of the distribution. The total amount to be distributed for the support of dispute resolution programs under this section may not exceed eight dollars (\$8) per filing fee.

(d) The county may make changes under subdivision (c) to be effective January 1 or July 1 of any year, on and after January 1, 2006. The county shall provide the Administrative Office of the Courts with a copy of the action of the board of supervisors that establishes the change at least 15 days before the date that the change goes into effect.

(Added by Stats. 2005, Ch. 75, Sec. 4. Effective July 19, 2005. Operative January 1, 2006, by Sec. 156 of Ch. 75.)

470.6. A county may carry over moneys received from distributions under Section 470.5 and from the fees for the support of dispute resolution programs authorized by this chapter that were added to fees for filing a first paper in a civil action in superior court under the laws in effect before January 1, 2006.

(Added by Stats. 2005, Ch. 75, Sec. 5. Effective July 19, 2005. Operative January 1, 2006, by Sec. 156 of Ch. 75.)