



Michigan Supreme Court

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September 28, 2022

Honorable Karen Q. Valvo, Chief Judge/Program Judge
15th District Court
Justice Center
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Re: Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Award Notification
15th District Court — Adult Mental Health Court
SCAO UI: U20010

Dear Chief Judge Valvo:

I am pleased to inform you that your court has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$115,100 from the Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program administered by the State Court Administrative Office. This award is for the grant period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

Your court's fiscal year 2023 contract will be e-mailed from DocuSign to your project director, Erica Jefferies. Signed contracts must be returned by December 16, 2022. The budget, based on your court's actual award, must be updated in WebGrants by November 10, 2022. Instructions for revising your budget are attached to the message your project director will receive from WebGrants.

The Michigan Supreme Court and SCAO greatly appreciate your efforts and passion for these life-saving court programs. Thank you for making a positive difference in so many lives.

As a reminder, SCAO transitioned away from a competitive grant process this year, focusing instead on funding yearly fixed costs and inflationary increases with an emphasis on grant utilization. This approach ensures all problem-solving courts in Michigan can maintain services and assist participants. Each year we receive grant requests that greatly exceed the total amount spent in the preceding fiscal year and available funding for awards to courts. I assure you that we make every effort to fully fund reasonable grant requests. It is our hope that these

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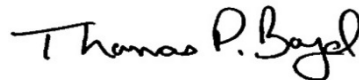
changes will create reliability when budgeting in your court.

Please also keep in mind that we will continue to consider reallocations throughout the fiscal year. If you find that additional funding is needed to support your program during fiscal year 2023, please make a request through the WebGrants system. If you are not able to spend all of your grant award, please notify us as soon as possible so that we may transfer a portion of your grant award to a program with additional need.

To assist with grant utilization, SCAO has eliminated certain spending caps this year and expanded the list of allowable expenses so that courts have more discretion in managing their problem-solving court programs.

If you have any questions about the grant or need assistance regarding best practices, please contact Andrew Smith at 517-373-0954 or at smitha@courts.mi.gov. For assistance in publicizing the success of your court, please contact John Nevin at 517-373-0129 or nevinj@courts.mi.gov.

Sincerely,



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