



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Accept and Allocate Michigan Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Award and Approve Grant Contract (\$60,000.00) **(8 Votes Required)**

This resolution seeks Council approval for a grant contract with the Michigan Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to fund the 15th Judicial District Court Veterans Treatment Court program, and further seeks authorization to accept and allocate grant funds from the State Court Administrative Office Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program (SCAO-MVTCGP) for that purpose without regard to City Fiscal Year.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: No matching funds are required for acceptance of this grant award.

The 15th Judicial District Court Veterans Treatment Court program is a problem-solving court that uses a combination of drug court and mental health court principles to help eligible veterans address the military service related mental health disorders and substance use issues that have led them to be involved in the criminal justice system. The Court partners with Ann Arbor Veterans Administration, Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs Medical System as well as other treatment providers to obtain needed services for participants. Additionally, participants are linked with ancillary services such as education, housing, job skills or other individualized assistance.

At the discretion of the City Finance Director, the Court will establish a separate grant account with the City Finance Department and will take all other necessary steps to assure the effective administration of this grant.

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Approved by: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator

Whereas, The Michigan Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) invited an application from the 15th Judicial District Court for Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program funds to continue the operations of a specialized Veterans Treatment Court;

Whereas, The 15th Judicial District Court applied for and was awarded \$60,000.00 by SCAO pursuant to that invitation; and

Whereas, It is in the best interests of the City of Ann Arbor and in the best interests of justice to enter into a grant contract with SCAO and to accept and allocate grant funds awarded by SCAO for this purpose;

RESOLVED, That City Council accept the Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant award to the 15th Judicial District Court for expenditure without regard to City Fiscal Year and approve the Program Contract with SCAO;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Court and the City following approval as to form by the City Attorney and as to

substance by the City Administrator;

RESOLVED, That Council authorize the City Administrator to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution; and

RESOLVED, That City Council authorize the Court to establish a separate grant account to receive, hold, disburse and account for funds awarded pursuant to this grant as the City Finance Director may determine appropriate.