



LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Deborah Shaw, Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator

Date: July 26, 2021

Re: Resolution Authorizing the Livingston County Juvenile Court to Apply for and Enter into a Contract with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Fiscal Year 2022 Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Program

The attached resolution authorizes the Livingston County Juvenile Court to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Program and accept funding for a third year. This grant provides federal funding to support high-quality legal representation in child protective proceedings where a child has been placed in foster care. Available funds are not to supplant existing funding for legal representation, but instead, are to enhance legal representation of children and parents in child welfare proceedings. This will be accomplished through paying court appointed attorneys and lawyer guardian ad litem for attending court-approved child welfare and trial practice training and enhancing fair compensation for attorneys by increasing the per case payment scale.

Funding is based on a formula of expected expenditures for legal representation, the county's Title IV-E penetration rate x 50%. Livingston County Juvenile Court's allocation for the period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 is \$56,812.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Livingston County Trial Courts.