



LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
LIVINGSTON COUNTY COURTS CENTRAL SERVICES

204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843
Phone 517-540-7414 Fax 517-546-3731
Web Site: <https://www.livgov.com/>

Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Sara Applegate, J.D., Specialty Courts and Programs Administrator
Date: August 11, 2021
Re: Resolution Authorizing Specialty Courts and Programs to Apply for Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) through SCAO for the Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Grant Funding for FY 2022 – Court Central Services/Finance Committee/Full Board

The State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) was awarded federal funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to provide grant funding for Adult Drug Courts and Veterans Treatment Courts for FY2022. We are requesting Board approval to submit grant applications to SCAO requesting funding for the Livingston County Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court. This is an excellent opportunity to assist our Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court in expanding and enhancing services for individuals struggling with substance use disorders and mental health disorders who are members of this community.

Our Adult Drug Court Program has applied for the BJA grant directly through the Bureau of Justice Assistance in April of 2021. We have not yet received notification of this grant award. However, if we were to receive the prior grant, the Court would not be awarded this grant through SCAO. Applying for both grants provides us with a higher probability of receiving federal funding for the Program.

For our Veterans Treatment Court, this is a new opportunity to receive federal funding. This award would be very beneficial to the Veterans Treatment Court Program which typically receives a minimal amount of funding from the State and has seen a reduction in its grant award over the last three years.

For the Adult Drug Court, the Court would be applying for funding in the approximate amount of \$125,000 and for Veterans Treatment Court we would be applying for an approximate amount of \$50,000. The grant funds would be utilized to enhance and expand services, coordination, and treatment for FY2022. There is a 25% in-kind match required for this grant opportunity which would be approximately \$31,250 for the Adult Drug Court and approximately \$12,500 for the Veterans Treatment Court. This in-kind match requirement would be met by utilizing the value of services provided by our contracted attorneys, therapists, and prosecutor representatives.

Our Specialty Courts and Programs is asking for a partnership in serving this vulnerable population to help reduce recidivism and ensure successful integration of our participants back into the community.

If awarded, grant funding will begin on October 1, 2021. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.