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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Deborah Shaw, Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator

Date: December 22, 2021

Re: Resolution Authorizing the Livingston County Juvenile Court to Accept Funding from the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services, Court Improvement Program COVID-19 Supplemental Grant

Congress has granted one-time supplemental Court Improvement Program (CIP) funding to the Michigan Supreme Court to address the unique challenges facing juvenile courts stemming from the COVID-19 public health emergency to ensure that the safety, permanency, and well-being needs of children in foster care are met in a timely manner. The Michigan Supreme Court, through the State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services Division (SCAO-CWS), invited local courts to apply for up to \$30,000 per court to address four purpose areas:

1. Administrative Solutions to Resolve Backlog of Child Protection Cases Due to Covid-19
2. Access to Technology to Increase Party Participation
3. Compensate Attorneys to Attend Out of Court Client Meetings or Handle Ancillary Legal Matters to Expedite Safe Permanency
4. Other strategies to help avoid delays in legal proceedings or to assist juvenile courts with needs that have resulted from COVID-19

Pursuant to Resolution 2021-11-171, the Court requested \$30,000 to fund four mini-projects in purpose areas 2 – 4 (providing internet access to families; compensating attorneys for out of court client meetings and providing ancillary legal service; providing additional Bailiff/Court Security hours to support the mobile courtroom and expanding the Court Appointed Special Advocates program).

SCAO-CWS has elected to fund two of the four mini-projects – Access to Technology for Families and Attorney Compensation – in an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for the period of January 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022. No County match or cost-sharing is required. No additional staff positions are included to carry out this grant.

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