

RESOLUTION

NO: 2021-12-201

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: December 22, 2021

Resolution Authorizing the Livingston County Juvenile Court to Accept Funding from the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services Division, Court Improvement Program (CIP) COVID-19 Supplement Grant- Juvenile Court

- WHEREAS,** the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services Division (SCAO-CWS), is a federally-funded program available to each State's highest court that is designed to improve the quality and depth of child protective proceedings; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Congress has granted one-time supplemental funding to SCAO-CWS to address the unique challenges facing juvenile courts stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that the safety, permanency and well-being needs of children in foster care are met in a timely manner; and
- WHEREAS,** the SCAO-CWS, in turn, invited juvenile courts to apply for a one-time mini-grant not to exceed \$30,000 per court; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Resolution 2021-11-171 the Livingston County Juvenile Court submitted an application to SCAO-CWS requesting \$30,000 to fund four mini-projects: 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; and
- WHEREAS,** SCAO-CWS has granted an award to the Juvenile Court not to exceed \$17,000 to fund two of the four mini-projects: access to technology for families and attorney compensation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Juvenile Court is seeking approval to accept the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services Division, Court Improvement Program COVID-19 supplement grant in an amount not to exceed of \$17,000 for the period of January 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022, liquidated by December 30, 2022. This grant does not require a county match.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Juvenile Court to accept the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services Division, Court Improvement Program COVID-19 supplement grant award in an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for the period of January 1 – September 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all forms, assurances, contracts, agreements, future amendments for monetary and contract language adjustments and supporting documents related to the above upon review and / or preparation of Civil Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes any budget amendment to effectuate the above.

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