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## Memorandum

**To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners**

**From: Deborah Shaw, Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator**

**Date: June 18, 2022**

**Re: Resolution Authorizing the Juvenile Court to Apply for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) Grant – FY2023**

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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 (CPLR) Grant Program for a fourth 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 protection proceedings. This will be accomplished through paying court appointed child and parent attorneys for attending court-approved child welfare and trial practice training and enhancing fair compensation for attorneys by maintaining the per case payment scale as increased during the 2022 general fund budgeting process.

Grant funding is based on a formula of expenditures for legal representation, the county's Title IV-E penetration rate x 50%, adjusted quarterly. For FY 2023, MDHHS has established a statewide penetration rate of 50%, significantly increasing the reimbursement rate we will receive. The Livingston County Juvenile Court's anticipated allocation for the period of October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023 is \$71,250.

This is a reimbursement grant. No County match or cost-sharing is required. This grant program does not require or request additional staff positions.

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