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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 3, 2023

TO: Judges, Court Administrators, and Project Directors

FROM: Andrew Smith, Problem-Solving Courts Manager

RE: FY 2024 Problem-Solving Courts and Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant Applications

The State Court Administrative Office is pleased to announce that the following fiscal year 2024 grant applications are now open and will close on June 2, 2023:

- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP)
- Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant Program (OHSP)
- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Byrne JAG)
- Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program (MVTCGP)
- Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program (MMHCGP)
- Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP)
- Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court State Enhancement Grant Program (BJA)

There are two notable changes with the fiscal year 2024 grant applications:

1. The MDCGP, OHSP, and Byrne JAG grant applications have been combined into one application. This single application will lay out eligibility requirements for each of these three grant programs. In the single application, you will be able to select whether you would like to be considered not only for the MDCGP grant but also SCAO-administered federal grants (the OHSP and Byrne JAG grants).

Please review the OHSP and Byrne JAG eligibility requirements listed in the single application. If eligible, we strongly recommend that you select “Yes” when asked if

your DWI/drug court would like to be considered for SCAO-administered federal funds. ***This will maximize the likelihood of receiving your entire requested amount.***

2. The fiscal year 2024 OHSP grant will be available not only to new and expanding DWI and hybrid DWI/drug courts (same as previous years) but also to **any** DWI and hybrid DWI/drug courts (for their contractual and travel expenses only).

We strongly recommend that every DWI and hybrid DWI/drug court (even one that has been operational for several years) select “Yes” when asked if your DWI or hybrid DWI/drug court would like to be considered for SCAO-administered federal funds (the OHSP grant). ***This will maximize the likelihood that your DWI or hybrid DWI/drug court will receive the entire requested amount.***

Applications and Grant Utilization

Courts can access grant applications through the WebGrants system. If your court does not have a WebGrants account, please register for an account by clicking on the “Click here to Register” link at <https://micourts.dullestech.net>.

SCAO continues to focus on meeting the essential needs of your program and service to the community, providing courts with funds necessary to operate effective and efficient problem-solving court (PSC) programs while accounting for yearly fixed costs and inflationary increases. This way of funding will not only assist funding and utilization efforts, but also help SCAO continue to secure the necessary funds needed to operate these programs in the future.

Each year, SCAO receives PSC grant application requests that greatly exceed the total amount of funding available to award to courts. Yet, the amount that is actually spent and reimbursed to courts is often significantly *less* than SCAO awards, resulting in thousands of unused dollars that could have been invested in these life-saving programs. Please ensure your request is based on a realistic amount that your program will spend during the year. A helpful starting point is your program’s grant expenditures from fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, adjusted for inflation. Inflationary estimates should be based, to the extent possible, on agency action(s) or general economic projections in your area. SCAO will make every effort to fully fund reasonable grant requests.

SCAO’s grant award process has an emphasis on prior year grant utilization and expenditures. The grant application contains a “Utilization Summary” section where, if applicable, you can identify any reasons why your program was unable to fully utilize a prior year’s grant award. Additionally, in fiscal year 2023, SCAO eliminated certain spending caps and expanded the list of allowable expenses so that courts have more discretion in managing their PSC programs, and this will continue in fiscal year 2024.

Grant

During the fiscal year, if you need additional grant funding, please request a mid-year

reallocation through WebGrants. In contrast, if you are not able to spend all your grant award, please submit a mid-year reallocation, and we will transfer a portion of your grant award to a program that needs additional funding.

If you have questions, please reach out to your grant manager, or e-mail the PSC team at PSC@courts.mi.gov.