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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Deborah Shaw, Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator

Date: April 15, 2025

**Re: Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the State Court
Administrative Office (SCAO) Status Offense Diversion Project Grant
FY 2025 & 2026**

Pursuant to County Administrator approval as authorized in Resolution 2023-04-071 (Grant Policy), the Juvenile Court applied to the State Court Administrative Office for the Status Offense Diversion Project Grant in the amount of \$99,999.

This one-time grant program provides federal funds to support the development of juvenile diversion programming for status offending youth. Status offenses include school truancy (failure to attend school when able to do so), incorrigibility (repeated violation of home rules) and runaway – behaviors that are law violations due to the young person's age. Administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the State Court Administrative Office, this grant will assist up to five courts to pilot innovative, community-based diversion programs and services that work solely with youth for whom the court receives a complaint, referral, or petition for what is alleged to be a status offense. The purpose of the project is for selected courts to divert those youth towards community-based programs and services and away from formal juvenile court involvement and secure placement.

This 100% reimbursement grant requires no matching funds. Programming will be carried out through a contract with a community agency, selected in accordance with the county procurement policy. Grant funds are not to supplant existing funding. This grant program does not require or request additional staff positions.

This resolution seeks authorization to accept the Status Offense Diversion Project Grant award in the amount of \$99,999 for the period of April 14, 2025 – September 30, 2026.

Thank you for your quick review and consideration of this matter.