

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE  
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** October 30, 2024

**TO:** Marcelia Nicholson, Chairperson, County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Chief Judge Carl Ashley

**SUBJECT:** Request for Authorization for the Chief Judge to retroactively apply for and to accept the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Family Treatment Court Enhancement Grant for 2024

**BACKGROUND**

On November 7, 2024, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2025 Budget (File No. 24-827) and approved by the County Executive, which included funding of \$75,000 under Combined Court Related Operations for the operation of the Family Drug Treatment Court (FDTC).

On March 21, 2024, OJJDP announced a competitive grant solicitation for Family Treatment Court Programs to build the capacity of state courts, and local courts to enhance existing family treatment courts. On May 6, 2024, Combined Court Operations, FDTC, submitted an application for the grant solicitation.

On September 24, 2024, staff in Milwaukee County Clerk of Courts were notified of Milwaukee County's 2024 OJJDP award of \$719,572.00, an increase of federal grant funds that were not anticipated in the 2025 Adopted Budget. The term of the grant is from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2028.


The grant award will be used for an increase of available parent coaches and visitation specialists in the child welfare agency programming, training for FDTC team members, support for FDTC alumni programming and a program evaluation to be completed by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chief Judge recommends policymaker approval to retroactively apply for and to accept the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant award in the amount of \$719,572.00.

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Approved by:

  
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Chief Judge Carl Ashley  
First District