

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE  
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** August 7th, 2025

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

**FROM:** Chief Judge Carl Ashley

**SUBJECT:** **Request for authorization for the Department of Pretrial Services and the Chief Judge to contract with the Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation for the Courthouse Navigators Program a cost of \$22,680 under the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Grant.**

**BACKGROUND**

On February 4, 2021 Milwaukee County received from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation a funding award notice for the Safety and Justice Challenge Phase IV Sustainability grant in the amount of \$1,340,000. The award period is from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 with a no-cost extension through September 30, 2026.

On February 14, 2023, Milwaukee County received from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation a funding award notice for the Safety and Justice Challenge Capstone grant for \$570,000. The award period was from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 and there is a no cost extension to September 30, 2026. The grant focuses on: racial equity, community engagement, strategic planning, and memorializing the grant strategies.

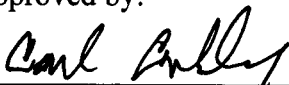
The application for the Phase IV Sustainability and Capstone Grant included funding for community engagement. The Courthouse Navigator program has proven beneficial to the County and to the community utilizing services within the Courthouse Complex. The Courthouse Navigator program aligns with the vision of the grant application, the Department and the Office of the Chief Judge.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Pretrial Services and the Chief Judge recommends that the contract with the Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation for the Courthouse Navigator Program be approved for \$22,680.

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Approved by:



Chief Judge Carl Ashley  
First Judicial District