

**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.

Prepared by: Rebecca Foley Cramer, Court Coordinator

Approved by:



Chief Judge Carl Ashley
First District

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: November 26, 2024

Original Fiscal Note ☒

Substitute Fiscal Note ☐

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.

FISCAL EFFECT:

☒ No Direct County Fiscal Impact
Expenditures

☐ Increase Capital

☐ Existing Staff Time Required

☐ Decrease Capital

Expenditures

☒ Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)

☐ Increase Capital Revenues

☒ Absorbed Within Agency's Budget

☐ Decrease Capital Revenues

☐ Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget

☐ Decrease Operating Expenditures

☐ Use of contingent funds

☒ Increase Operating Revenues

☐ Decrease Operating Revenues

Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$210,677	\$508,895
	Revenue	\$210,677	\$508,895
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure		
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

The Department of Combined Court Operations is requesting the County Board to approve accepting the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Family Treatment Court Enhancement grant for 2024. The grant is for \$719,572.00. The grant amount is a \$719,572.00 increase from the amount anticipated in the 2025 Adopted Budget. 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. The resolution also authorizes an appropriation transfer to recognize the grant revenues and related expenditures that may not have already been included in the 2025 Adopted Budget. There is no tax levy impact in regards to accepting the grant.

Department/Prepared By Rebecca Foley Cramer, Combined Court Operations

Authorized Signature

Carl Ashley
Carl Ashley

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? ☐ Yes ☒ No

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

Did CDBP Review?²

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Yes

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No

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Not Required