

COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY

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Madison County Board of Supervisors
VIA Email

Re: OJJDP Grants.gov Opportunity Number O-OJJDP-2022-171249

Dear Supervisors:

The U.S. Department of Justice through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has issued another grant opportunity that would assist with supervision and treatment for the families that come through the protection arm of the Madison County Youth Court. This grant is designed to provide "treatment and other recovery support services that address opioid, stimulant, and other substance or polysubstance use disorders." This program would not be available for violent offenders and would only be spent under Court supervision in a manner consistent with grant terms and in the best interest of children placed in the foster care system through our Madison County Youth Court.

While we have received several grants over recent years for our Juvenile and Adult offenders, this grant would support the most vulnerable of children in our jurisdiction – the children who have been adjudicated as abused or neglected due to substance use or abuse. In all practicality, we already deal with these cases on a daily basis, but we have zero funds to provide support services under Court supervision. Having grant funds to offer treatment and supervision services would enable us to better serve the foster children and additional family members affected by substance use. We will satisfy the matching funds requirement with funds already provided to us by the Administrative Office of Courts or the existing Youth Services budget. To be clear, this will not cost Madison County any additional funds.

I am asking the Board to give your consent for me to:

1. Apply for Opportunity Number O-OJJDP-2022-171249 using Madison County's UEI number (formerly known as DUNS 8843887370000)
2. Approve County Administration's assistance in whatever way is necessary to timely complete the application.
3. If awarded, pre-approve Acceptance of the Grant so there is no delay in processing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Staci O'Neal".

Staci B. O'Neal
County Court Judge