



TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT
Madison and Rankin Counties

STEVE S. RATCLIFF
Circuit Judge

DEWEY K. ARTHUR
Circuit Judge

M. BRADLEY MILLS
Circuit Judge

February 7, 2023

Madison County Board of Supervisors

Re: U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Grants.gov Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2023-171536**

Dear Members of the Board:

The 20th Circuit Judicial Treatment Court currently has 2 funding sources along with a savings source: (1) the Administrative Office of Courts {"AOC"}, (2) SAMHSA grant, and Local fund (savings source). AOC has made us aware of another funding source through the U.S. Department of Justice and encouraged us to apply. The new grant would allow us to provide services to the Veteran adults of the 20th Circuit Court. Specifically, if we are awarded the requested grant, we will be able to provide substance and mental health treatment services as well as provide family counseling in our jurisdiction. The total amount of the grant could be as much as \$225,000 per year up to a length of four years. The funds we already received from AOC will more than satisfy the matching funds in-kind requirement of the grant. We are not asking for any funding from the County.

I ask that you give your consent for the 20th Circuit Judicial Drug Treatment Court to apply for the grant using the county as the pass-through entity similar to the other grants currently being administered through the county using the county's DUNS number. As well as, once we submit the application to be able to accept the grant should we be chosen as a recipient.

Sincerely,

Dewey Arthur

20th Circuit Judicial Judge