



## TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT

Madison and Rankin Counties

STEVE S. RATCLIFF  
Circuit Judge

DEWEY K. ARTHUR  
Circuit Judge

M. BRADLEY MILLS  
Circuit Judge

February 13, 2024

Madison County Board of Supervisors

Re: U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Grants.gov Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2024-171972**

Dear Members of the Board:

The 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Drug Treatment Court currently has 2 funding sources along with a savings source: (1) the Administrative Office of Courts {"AOC"}, (2) SAMSHA grant, and Local fund (savings source). AOC has made us aware of a third funding source through the **BJA** and encouraged us to apply. The new grant would allow us to provide additional services to the adults of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 \$500,000 per year up to the 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Dewey Arthur", written over a blue circular stamp or seal.

Dewey Arthur  
20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Judge