

COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY

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VIA EMAIL

Madison County Board of Supervisors

Re: Title II Subaward Application

Dear Board Members:

The Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Division of Public Safety Planning has requested applications for Title II Formula Grant Subgrant Applications. There is **no match** requirement with this grant. However, our application shows a match using our existing budgeted funds because we believe it will demonstrate the capability of our county to implement the subaward should we be granted the opportunity to receive the funds.

Our youth court budget this year has \$490,000 in our detention cost line item. We have elected to apply for this grant in hopes that we can create a robust house arrest system with real-time monitoring to decrease the funds expended for custodial detention. Although detention is necessary in some instances, we are often faced with a shortage of detention center availability. We do currently utilize ankle monitors, but we have no ability to monitor them in real time or timely address violations. This grant would allow us to create accountability upon release from, or in lieu of, detention. Of course, our end goal is reducing non-compliance and overall recidivism.

Madison County youth court averages 150 youth on probation at any given time. We have several probation programs that are designed as rehabilitation. (Drug Court, APP program, Jobs4Youth) Our programs focus on evidenced based modalities – putting youth on a more productive trajectory. The APP program focuses on after-school youth and Jobs4Youth is reserved for those youth who need to obtain a GED. The Drug Court focuses on substance abuse and drug related issues. All three programs have a proven track record of success, but youth face transportation barriers getting to and from the programs. In our application, we have asked for grant funding to purchase a passenger van so that our youth court staff can provide transportation for non-custodial youth when needed.

Our grant application must be turned in on January 9th and I am asking for your approval to apply for the grant funds and request that the Board President sign the application at the conclusion of the meeting on January 6th so that there is no delay in submitting our application by the deadline. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Staci B. O'Neal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "O'Neal".

Staci B. O'Neal

Madison County Court & Youth Court Judge