



TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT

Madison and Rankin Counties

STEVE S. RATCLIFF
Circuit Judge

DEWEY K. ARTHUR
Circuit Judge

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Circuit Judge

Madison County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Board Members
P.O. Box 608
Canton, MS 39046

Re: Circuit Court Request for 10% of future Opioid Settlement Funds

Dear Board Members,

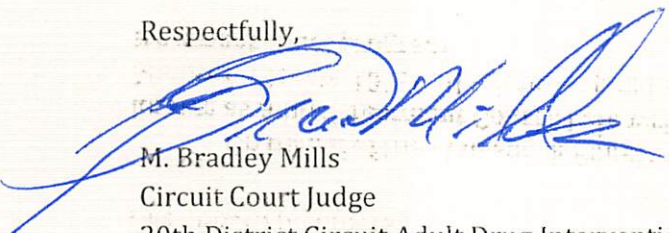
On behalf of the Madison & Rankin Counties Adult Drug Intervention Court (also known as Adult Treatment Court), I am writing to respectfully request that the City of Madison allocate 10% of the future opioid settlement funds received to support our treatment court program.

As detailed in the attached proposal, the 20th District's Circuit Adult Drug Intervention Court provides supervision, accountability, and treatment for Court ordered adult participants with substance use disorders. With a 77% successful completion rate, our program helps reduce recidivism, restore families, promote long-term recovery, and rehabilitate participants. Each year, we serve approximately 100 participants through inpatient and outpatient treatment, sober living support, and educational/job readiness services.

Your support will directly expand access to treatment services and recovery stability for participants residing in the City of Madison and throughout our district. Together, we can continue to save lives and strengthen our communities against the devastating impact of opioid addiction.

Thank you for your consideration and partnership in this vital effort.

Respectfully,



M. Bradley Mills

Circuit Court Judge

20th District Circuit Adult Drug Intervention Court

Madison & Rankin Counties Adult Treatment Court 20th Circuit Court District Opioid Settlement Grant Proposal

Executive Summary

The opioid epidemic has had a profound impact on Madison and Rankin Counties. The 20th Circuit Adult Treatment Court has been on the front lines of this crisis, providing supervision, accountability, and treatment to justice-involved adults with substance use disorders.

Over the past three years, the program has maintained a 77% successful completion rate, serving nearly 200 families annually. Moving forward, we anticipate providing inpatient and outpatient treatment to approximately 100 participants each year who are directly affected by opioid addiction.

The Adult Treatment Court is a four-phase intensive program that combines:

- Frequent drug testing and court appearances
- Weekly counseling sessions
- GED preparation, job readiness training, and life skills development
- Access to inpatient and outpatient treatment services
- Sober living support for participants lacking stable housing

Our greatest need is treatment funding, especially after the expiration of our largest federal grant in November 2025. Without supplemental resources, participants face barriers to accessing inpatient and outpatient care — services that are both limited and expensive in Mississippi.

Funding Request & Use of Funds:

- Treatment Services – Inpatient:
- Treatment Services – Outpatient:
- Housing/Sober Living Support:
- Education & Job Training:
- Technology/Program Resources:

Expected Outcomes:

- Expand access to evidence-based inpatient and outpatient treatment
- Improve recovery stability through housing support
- Reduce recidivism by addressing root causes of addiction
- Equip participants with education and skills for long-term independence

The Madison & Rankin Adult Treatment Court has a proven record of success in combating the opioid crisis. With Opioid Settlement Grant support, we can sustain and expand treatment services for 100 participants annually, strengthening recovery outcomes and community safety.

We respectfully request consideration of our proposal.

I. Problem Statement

The opioid epidemic continues to have devastating effects on Madison and Rankin Counties. Over the past three years, the 20th Circuit Intervention Court has served 195 families annually, and we currently expect to provide inpatient and outpatient treatment to approximately 100 participants each year through our Adult Treatment Court. Of those served, 77% of participants successfully complete the program, demonstrating both the effectiveness of our model and the ongoing need for resources.

Participants entering our court are adults (18+) on probation with a history of substance use. Many begin their journey through detoxification and inpatient treatment, followed by outpatient care, counseling, and long-term recovery support. However, inpatient and outpatient treatment costs in Mississippi are prohibitively expensive, especially for uninsured adults. Even for those with insurance, benefits are often insufficient to cover the level of care required for opioid addiction recovery.

Our program's ability to provide critical treatment has historically relied on federal grant support. Unfortunately, our largest federal treatment grant expired in November 2025, and future funding opportunities are uncertain. Without supplemental resources, many participants risk being unable to access or sustain the treatment necessary for recovery.

II. Program Goals & Objectives

The Madison & Rankin Adult Treatment Court is designed as a four-phase intensive supervision model that requires accountability while providing recovery supports. The goals of this proposal are:

1. Increase Access to Treatment – Ensure participants receive inpatient and outpatient treatment services necessary for recovery.
2. Promote Recovery Stability – Provide sober living support for participants lacking stable

housing.

3. Support Education & Workforce Readiness – Assist participants in obtaining a GED and basic job readiness skills to sustain long-term recovery.

4. Enhance Program Effectiveness – Improve participant monitoring and service delivery through updated technology and resources.

III. Program Description

The program serves around 200 participants and these funds will serve approximately 100 participants annually who are required to:

- Submit to drug testing 1–3 times weekly
- Attend counseling sessions weekly
- Appear in court twice monthly
- Complete Life Skills classes, pursue employment, or work toward a GED if not previously completed

The program integrates treatment, accountability, and wraparound services:

- Treatment Services: Partnerships with local inpatient and outpatient providers to deliver evidence-based treatment for opioid addiction.
- Housing Support: Limited sober living assistance for those without stable housing, helping participants avoid relapse triggers.
- Education & Job Readiness: GED preparation, literacy support, and limited job readiness training.
- Monitoring & Program Support: Non-recurring technology purchases to improve participant data tracking, compliance monitoring, and reporting.

IV. Expected Outcomes

With Opioid Settlement funding, the 20th Circuit Adult Treatment Court expects to:

- Provide inpatient and outpatient treatment services to approximately 100 participants per year.
- Improve retention and graduation rates by reducing treatment cost barriers.
- Reduce recidivism among participants by addressing root causes of addiction.
- Strengthen participant recovery stability through sober housing support.
- Equip participants with educational and vocational tools for long-term self-sufficiency.

V. Budget Request (Non-Recurring Costs)

Funding Area

Treatment Services – Inpatient

Treatment Services – Outpatient

Housing/Sober Living

Education & Job Training

Technology/Resources

VI. Compliance with Grant Guidelines

- Supplement, Not Supplant: All requested funds will supplement current appropriations, not replace them.
- Non-Recurring Costs: Requests focus on treatment services, sober living, and one-time program resources, in line with Council recommendations.
- Opioid Abatement Focus: Proposed activities directly remediate the effects of opioid use disorder and promote recovery stability.

VII. Conclusion

The opioid epidemic has had a significant impact on Madison and Rankin Counties. The 20th Circuit Adult Treatment Court has demonstrated success, with a 77% completion rate among participants. To sustain and expand our efforts, additional resources are urgently needed.

With support from the Opioid Settlement Grant, we can provide treatment to approximately 100 participants annually, strengthen our treatment capacity, provide safe recovery housing, and equip participants with the tools to achieve long-term sobriety and stability. We respectfully request consideration of our funding proposal in the amount of 10%.

COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY

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October 28, 2025

Madison County Board Of Supervisors
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Re: Youth Court Request for Opioid Settlement Funds

Dear Board Members:

On behalf of the Youth Court of Madison County, I am supplementing our request for opioid funds with our specific needs at this time. Our youth court has two major needs that would greatly enhance the ability of our youth court to address the recovery and rehabilitation efforts of Madison County children and their families who have been affected by the opioid epidemic in our country.

Transportation: Our youth court has two probationary programs for youth who have struggled with substance use. These programs provide counseling and GED assistance where needed. We chronically have youth who are unable to attend these programs because of transportation barriers. Years ago, the youth court had use of a van when the MS. Department of Human Services provided an Adolescent Offender Program in our facilities. We would request that the Board consider purchasing a van for the youth court to use for the transportation of youth to and from court ordered probation programs. A van would be helpful for home visits to monitor house arrest and in-home drug tests. One or more of our current youth court employees would be designated as drivers and will meet the required rules and procedures similar to the vehicle now owned by Madison County which is used by the Circuit Drug Court. The vehicle would not be parked overnight at an employee's home but would be maintained at night in the secure parking behind the youth court.

If a van is not a possibility at this time, then the youth court would request funding for drug treatment through our juvenile and family drug courts.

Drug Treatment: Our drug treatment courts are always in need of funds to assist families with drug treatment that is not covered by insurance or other healthcare funds available through Medicaid. We would request 10% of the opioid funds for this purpose.

Sincerely,

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

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Madison County Board Of Supervisors
VIA Email

Dear Board Members:

In the past three years our Juvenile and Family Drug Intervention Courts have served 195 Madison County families with 77% of participants successfully completing the program.

In the Madison County Youth Court, we have two distinct Drug Treatment Courts. The first is our Juvenile Drug Treatment Court which serves youth ages 13-17 who are on probation and have a history of substance use that requires intervention. Our second is the Family Drug Treatment Court which serves the entire family where children were born addicted to drugs or have been exposed to drugs in the home leading to neglect or abuse. We see the devastating effects of drug use by youth and parents on a weekly basis in our courts. Over the past several years, our efforts to bring restoration to children and their families have been aided by grants that we were able to secure for our treatment courts. These grants were for the sole purpose of case management, rehabilitation and restoration for our youth court population.

Our Drug Courts are designed as a four-phase intense supervision program where participants are drug tested 1-3 times a week with weekly counseling sessions and court appearances twice a month. As they progress through the phases, they are expected to complete Life Skill classes and maintain a job (if age appropriate) or succeed in their education. Where students have already dropped out of school, we require them to work on getting a GED. Our staff is focused on breaking the cycle of drug addiction and the destructive effects it has on the families we serve.

For some, the drug court program begins as participants first go through detoxification and inpatient treatment. Both inpatient and outpatient treatment is very expensive and the options are very limited in Mississippi. For families with health insurance, the benefits are insufficient. For families without insurance or for children on Medicaid, the options are severely limited with a lack of funds. For all, the cost of treatment is prohibitive without the assistance of our federal grants that we have secured over the past eight years. Most of our large federal treatment grants will start expiring in the next few months. We will continue to apply for additional grants from government and private sources but the federal government has tightened purse strings and we expect a reduction in opportunities.

As you consider how to use the money that will come to Madison County as part of the National Opioid Litigation Settlement, I would respectfully request that the Board apportion some of the settlement funds to cover drug related services through our Youth Court Drug Treatment Courts for the children, youth and families of Madison County who have been affected by the opioid epidemic.

Sincerely,

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