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Judicial Council of Georgia
ARPA Grant Team
Justice Michael P. Boggs, Chair
via email (ARPA@georgiacourts.gov)

Dear Chief Justice Boggs and ARPA Grant Team,

The Northeastern Judicial Circuit was previously awarded a grant in ARPA funding for the year. We respectfully request an amendment to our current award for CY24/25. The amended request will cover necessary expenses for employees/contractors as well as administrative/indirect costs. The requests are as follows:

Personnel Responding Directly to Case Backlog

Budget Amendments to current awarded funds:

- \$109,117 to Judicial Assistant: \$44,889 from Juror Expenses; \$64,228 from Court Reporter Transcripts.
- \$24,739 to Court Reporter from Intake Specialist.
- \$12,000 to Deputy Sheriff (Dawson County) from Human Services Coordinator.

Additional funding requested to supplement five current awarded positions for CY's 2024-2025:

- Add \$54,466 to Administrative Assistant, District Attorney.
- Add \$72,150 to Deputy Sheriff (Dawson County).
- Add \$90,000 to Bailiffs.
- Add \$8,210 to Superior Court Senior Judge.
- Add \$63,891 to Judicial Assistance (Senior Judges, etc.).

New Requests for CY's 2024-2025:

- Two (2) New Positions: Dawson County Misdemeanor Probation Officers salaried at \$88,000 with a combined total of salary for both positions \$176,000.

Personnel Court-Based Mental Health Diversion

Budget Amendments to current awarded funds:

- \$35,791 from Human Services Coordinator: \$12,000 to Deputy Sheriff (Dawson County); \$23,791 to Case Manager Position.

Personnel Court-Based Substance Use Diversion

Budget Amendments to current awarded funds:

- \$45,965.29 from Intake Specialist: \$24,739 to Court reporter; \$15,965.29 to Case Manager; \$5,261 to Contract- Clinical Supervision.
- \$31,817 to Contract – Clinical Supervision from Intake Specialist.

Additional funding requested to supplement two current awarded positions for CY's 2024-2025:

- Add \$31,817 to Case Manager.
- Add \$24,739 to Contract – Clinical Supervision.

New Requests for CY's 2024-2025:

- New Position: Case Manager salaried at \$76,000.
- New Position: Operations Coordinator salaried at \$85,000.

Administrative Expenses

Budget Amendments to current awarded funds:

- \$44,889 from Juror Expenses to Judicial Assistant.
- \$64,228 from Court Reporter Transcripts to Court Reporter.

NOTE: Current funds were reallocated to fund positions that are a priority to the circuit, if additional funding is not awarded, these positions will be fully funded with the current award.

Additional funding requested to supplement direct/administrative costs to current award for CY's 2024-2025:

- Add \$120,000 to Juror Expenses.
- Add \$165,000 to Court Reporter Transcripts.

New Requests for CY's 2024-2025:

- New Position: Staff Accountant salaried at \$96,500.
- New Administrative Request: Drug Screeners (Dawson County) – Contract at \$56,966.

With the largest Treatment Courts program in the State of Georgia, our agency facilitates nearly 4,000 treatment groups and approximately 6,000 hours of direct clinical services to an average of 600 participants in our circuit. We are grateful for this funding as it has been instrumental to our programs. These amendments will allow for continued assistance in addressing the Northeastern Judicial Circuit's criminal case backlog. Every dollar will continue to be allocated towards the backlog of cases arising from COVID-19 and no additional dollars are being requested.

Respectfully,



Jason J. Deal