



AGENDA ITEM

Northeastern Judicial Circuit

REPORT TO: Work Session (10/20/25)

REPORT TO: Voting Meeting (10/23/25)

ITEM NO: 620/2025

SUBJECT: Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) and Hall County Juvenile Court to receive Title IV-E funding to partially offset costs associated with providing high quality legal representation for children and parents in dependency and related court hearings in Hall County.

Meetings:

Work Session Date: 10/20/25

Voting Meeting Date: 10/23/25

Executive Summary:

Presenter:

RO

Recommendation:

Approve.

Purpose of Request:

Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) and Hall County Juvenile Court to receive Title IV-E funding to partially offset costs associated with providing high quality legal representation for children and parents in dependency and related court hearings in Hall County.

History:

This is the first time that Hall County has received this type of funding.

Facts and Issues:

Options:

Title IV-E is federal funding within the Social Security Act that provides federal matching funds to states to help pay for foster care, adoption assistance, and certain prevention services for eligible children and families. Previously, these funds flowed through the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS); however, in 2024, the Federal Administration for Children and Families officially codified in the Federal Register that Title IV-E funds may be used to reimburse legal representation for parents and children in foster care proceedings.

The Georgia Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) receives Title IV-E funds from DFCS and disburses them to individual Counties.

Currently, Hall County fully covers the legal fees associated with representing children and parents in various types of DFCS court cases.

With the funding received, these funds will be budgeted and accounted for in a special revenue restricted fund for appropriate use each year.

Funding Requested	\$ 0.00
Are funds within current budget?	Yes
Source of Funds	N/A
Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.?	Yes
Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney?	Yes
Is there a deadline for this item?	2025-10-24

Approvals:

Grants	Submit	Grants	Budget
PS	AD	SG	JM
Finance	Attorney	Administration	Clerk
TS	JL	CR	JR

Attachments:

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**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT REPORT**

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Funds Requested: \$ 0.00

Request Budgeted: Yes

Proposed Source of Funding:

Budget Transfer Requested:

N/A

No

Funding Source Items:

Fiscal Year	Fund	Division	Account	Amount
2026	TBD	2600-JUVENILE COURT	331150-FEDERAL€OPERATING INDIRECT	\$-146,000.00

Budget Transfer Items:

Additional Information/Comments:

The MOU period is from July 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

Contact for Questions:

Phone: