

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN COVID-19 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

To complete your COVID-19 Grant funding application, please review the Overview and Instructions and complete all sections below. **The application deadline is Friday, May 13, 2022.** Please direct any questions to Court Improvement Program Director Diana Rugh Johnson at diana.johnson@georgiacourts.gov.

Overview and Instructions

COVID-19 Grant funds are supplemental funds provided to the Court Improvement Program by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families in compliance with the Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, Division X of Public Law 116-260, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The purpose of these funds is to address needs stemming from the COVID-19 public health emergency to ensure the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of children are met in a timely and complete manner. Appropriate uses of these funds may include:

- technology investments to facilitate remote or hybrid hearings for dependency courts when necessary as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- training for judges, attorneys, and caseworkers on facilitating and participating in remote hearings that comply with due process and all applicable laws;
- programs to help families address aspects of the case plan to avoid delays in legal proceedings;
- and other purposes to assist courts, court personnel, or staff related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The suggested cap for COVID-19 Grant funding applications is **\$10,000** per county. Applications will be evaluated by members of the Supreme Court Committee on Justice for Children.

County Juvenile Court

Hall County Juvenile Court

Chief Juvenile Court Judge

First Name	Last Name
Lindsay	Burton

Street

116 Spring St. SE

City	ZIP Code
Gainesville	GA 30501

E-mail Address	Business Phone
lburton@hallcounty.org	770-531-6938

Application Contact

Name the point of contact for application questions and status updates:

First Name	Last Name
Annette	Rainer
Job Title	Business Phone
Court Administrator	770-531-6939
E-mail Address (monitor for application status)	
Annette.rainer@hallcounty.org	

Grant Compliance Official

Name the person who will be responsible for proper use of these funds:

First Name	Last Name
Nancy	Smallwood
Job Title	Business Phone
Grants Manager	770-297-5503

E-mail Address (to monitor for grant compliance and reporting information)

nsmallwood@hallcounty.org

(A) DESCRIPTION OF CHALLENGES TO HOLDING SAFE, ACCESSIBLE HEARINGS AND TO ENSURING THAT THE SAFETY, PERMANENCE, AND WELL-BEING NEEDS OF CHILDREN ARE MET IN A TIMELY AND COMPLETE MANNER TO JUSTIFY NEED FOR COVID-19 GRANT FUNDS

Hall County Juvenile Court has conducted hybrid hearings since the start of the Covid19 public health emergency. It has been challenging for the court to conduct hearings without all of the necessary technology needed to ensure accessible hearings for everyone involved. The court has purchased several chromebooks but unfortunately, we do not have enough to provide one in each courtroom. Several of the chromebooks purchased in 2019 for the court were provided courtesy of funds given to us from J4C. Each of the chromebooks are presently being used in all of our zoom rooms. The existing chromebooks are used consistently by the attorneys, parents and other interested parties. We would like to have a chromebook available in each of our three courtrooms for witnesses to use when testifying from the witness stand. This would allow the witness to participate in the hybrid hearings on the zoom platform. The laptop would be rotated among all three courtrooms to assist the attorneys and families as well, particularly with evidence presentations. We are slowly phasing back into having full court hearings but may continue to offer hybrid hearings in the event that someone has been exposed or impacted by the COVID19 virus. The court does not have an adequate amount of chromebooks or laptops available to assist in this effort. A number of our foster care placements are a great distance from the court and both the foster parents and the children prefer to participate remotely due to the ongoing concerns of the COVID19 virus. Therefore, we are requesting grant funds to purchase three chromebooks and one laptop computer.

(B) DESCRIPTION OF TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS, TRAINING, AND/OR PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES DESCRIBED IN SECTION (A)

Please attach documentation to support estimated expenditures.

Hall County Juvenile Court will use the grant funds requested to purchase three chromebooks and one Lenovo laptop computer. Each of the technology devices will be accessible and assigned to each of the three courtrooms. The chromebooks currently cost \$329.00 each on Amazon totaling \$987.00 and a Lenovo laptop computer costs \$1,339.00. The total cost for all four devices is estimated at \$2,326.00 which is the total grant amount Hall County Juvenile Court is requesting. Each device requested would greatly benefit the court in its continuous efforts in curtailing the COVID19 virus. The grant funds will assist the court in ensuring that all hearings are held in a timely manner without any unnecessary delays.

(C) TOTAL COVID-19 GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES DESCRIBED IN SECTION (A)

- (1) Total COVID-19 grant funds requested: \$ 2,326.00.
- (2) Amount of COVID-19 grant funds requested that will be dedicated to technology investments: \$ 2,326.00.
- (3) Amount of COVID-19 grant funds requested that will be dedicated to training for judges, attorneys, and caseworkers: \$ 0.
- (4) Amount of COVID-19 grant funds requested that will be dedicated to programs to help families address aspects of the case plan to avoid delays in legal proceedings: \$ 0.
- (5) Amount of COVID-19 grant funds requested that will be dedicated to assisting courts, court personnel, or staff related to the COVID-19 health emergency: \$ 0.

(D) CERTIFICATION

By checking this box, I, the undersigned, certify that (1) the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and (2) the proposed investments and activities are eligible expenditures under the Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, Division X of Public Law 116-260, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.



Chief Judge signature
Printed Name: Lindsay H. Burton
Date: 4/29/22

(E) SUBMIT APPLICATION

E-mail a .pdf of your completed, certified, and signed application to Grants Program Administrator **Paula Myrick** at paula.myrick@georgiacourts.gov. The Grants Program Administrator will confirm receipt and will follow up with you regarding any issues with your application and next steps.

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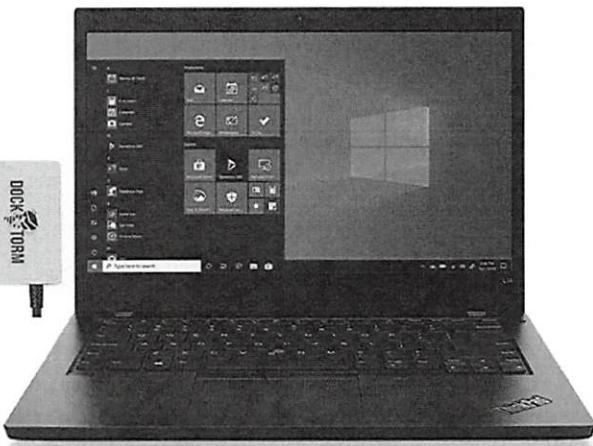
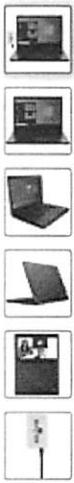
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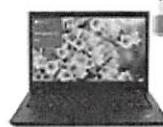
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