

SUBJECT:
**Juvenile Drug Treatment Court - Federal Grant
Award Acceptance.**

MEETING DATE:
November 21, 2023

SUBMITTED BY:
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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Consider accepting a two-year Federal grant award in the amount of \$377,657.00 for FY2024 and FY2025 and consider authorizing a Budget Amendment to the adopted County FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$314,716.00 to allocate the Federal award and the required 25% match for 12-months.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

The Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) submitted a federal grant application and was notified on September 10, 2023, that it was awarded a two-year grant totaling \$377,657.00 with a required 25% match of \$125,886.00 for a two-year contract total of \$503,543.00. The two-year term is Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 (from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025) or the full expenditure of the contract total, whichever comes first. The grant may be extended for one (1) 12-month period if needed. The award will fund salaries, training, compliance monitoring, treatment costs and drug testing for Court participants and their families.

The Cherokee County Juvenile Court proposes to enhance the services offered to youths 14-17 years old with nonviolent drug charges through the enhancement of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court program. The purpose is to improve monitoring of behavioral health services, ensure disparities do not exist for candidates, and serve court involved youth who are low, moderate, and high risk. Project activities include identification of low to moderate risk youths, completing risk/need assessments and placing youths into the appropriate level of treatment, and offering services to the Spanish speaking community. The Juvenile Drug Treatment Court offers three tracks, Education, Level One Treatment, and Level Two Treatment. Expected outcomes include successful completion of recommended track, reduced recidivism, and accessibility of programs to underserved populations. Cherokee County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program will serve all juvenile offenders in the county. The mission of the Cherokee County Juvenile Court's is to protect the long-term safety of the local community and ensure a brighter future for all Cherokee youth. The Federal award will provide 24-months of program funding in order to build relationships and determine the best method to affect change in the Cherokee County minors who are dealing with drug abuse issues.

A Budget Amendment is required for the County FY2024 term. A 12-month budget total of \$251,773.00 has been proposed which is 1/2 of the two-year contract federal funds (\$188,830.00) plus a 25% match of \$62,943.00.

There is no hard-copy grant contract to sign. Upon acceptance by the Board, the Grant Manager will accept the award in the Department of Justice's online portal.

ATTACHMENTS:

[15PJDP-23-GG-00875-DGCT_JDTC Notification of Award.pdf](#)

[JDTC Fund 262 Fed Award.pdf](#)