



Michigan Supreme Court

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October 14, 2025

Honorable David Newblatt, Chief Judge
7th Circuit Court

Re: FY26 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Award Notification
7th Circuit Court — Hybrid DWI/Drug Court
SCAO UI: U10001

Dear Chief Judge Newblatt:

I am pleased to inform you that your application for funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant has been approved. On behalf of the State Court Administrative Office, your court is awarded a grant in the amount of \$150,000 to support your Problem-Solving Court. This award is for the grant period between October 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026.

The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant assists drug, hybrid, and DWI court programs that are fully operational and are based on *Defining Drug Courts: The Ten Key Components* or *The Ten Guiding Principles of DWI Courts*. Programs must target prison-bound felony offenders as identified by straddle or presumptive cell placements according to the Michigan Sentencing Guidelines. The funding supports drug, hybrid, and DWI courts to promote public safety and contribute to a reduction in substance abuse and recidivism among nonviolent prison-bound adult substance abusing offenders, reduce reliance on incarceration within existing correctional systems and local jails, and establish monitoring and evaluation measures that will demonstrate program effectiveness.

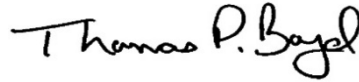
Your court's FY26 contract will be e-mailed from DocuSign to your project director, Breana Benham. Please review the contract carefully and have it signed by December 15, 2025. The budget, based on your court's actual award, must be submitted in WebGrants by November 3, 2025. Instructions for revising your budget are attached to the message your project director will receive from WebGrants.

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Should you have questions about the grant or need assistance regarding best practices, please contact Andrew Smith at 517-373-0954 or at smitha@courts.mi.gov. For assistance in publicizing the success of your court, please contact John Nevin at 517-373-0129 or nevinj@courts.mi.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "B".

Thomas P. Boyd
State Court Administrator

cc: Honorable Mark Latchana, Program Judge
Barbara Menear, Court Administrator
Breana Benham, Project Director