

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW BIENNIUM GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES (ODYS) FY 2026, JUVENILE COURT

WHEREAS, Karen Capstick, Operations and Financial Director for Ashtabula County Juvenile Court, has submitted a New Biennium Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) for Juvenile Court, for the approval of the Board, to-wit:

Grantor: Ohio Department of Youth Services, Division of Courts and Community, 4545 Fisher Road, Ste. D, Columbus, OH 43228

Purpose: to provide for the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programs for alleged or adjudicated unruly and delinquent children or children at risk of becoming unruly and delinquent children.

Grant Amount: \$1,482,908.95 FY26 only

Term: Beginning July 1, 2025 ending June 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the Biennium Grant Agreement has been reviewed and it is found that such an Agreement would be desirable and is necessary; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio that the Biennium Grant Agreement be approved in accordance with a copy of said Grant Agreement on file in this office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2025-264

June 03, 2025

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Upon the motion of Casey R. Kozlowski, seconded by Kathryn L. Whittington.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

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Eligibility

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Program Performance:

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Fiscal Accountability:

1. The Juvenile Court shall complete Attachment A of this Agreement.
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4. Funds shall be deposited into the county Felony Delinquent Care and Custody Fund.
5. Funds received by the Juvenile Court shall not be commingled with any other funds.
6. All expenditures must be directly related to the approved programs identified in this Agreement.
7. The Juvenile Court shall maintain files on all agreements funded with grant funds, which shall be made available to DYS upon request.
8. Funds shall not be used for capital construction projects in a total amount exceeding 15% of the base allocation for the current fiscal year. No variable funds may be used for capital construction projects.
9. If any cash balance exists at the end of the state fiscal year, it shall be carried over into the next fiscal year within the Felony Delinquent Care and Custody Fund and shall not be reverted to the county's general fund.
10. Funds shall be in addition to, and shall not be used to reduce, any usual annual increase in county funding that the Juvenile Court is eligible to receive, or the current level of county funding of the Juvenile Court, and of any programs or services for delinquent children, unruly children, juvenile traffic offenders, or non-adjudicated youth supported by county moneys.
11. Funds shall be in addition to, and shall not be used to supplant, any existing county funds.
12. Reimbursement for training and travel costs is limited to that which relates to court services to youth. Records for these expenses shall be maintained.
13. Should a county employee be employed and paid by the subsidy grant in addition to his/her full-time job, the work must be performed on the employee's own time outside of his/her core hours for the other job and compensation must be reasonable and consistent with fair market value. Hours worked for both jobs must be clearly documented.
14. Overtime premiums paid to court employees must be prorated among the various activities of the employee and may not be charged exclusively to grant funds unless the employee works full time on the grant. Overtime rates can be paid only if, and in proportion to the time, the employee worked on the grant during the relevant time period.

15. At the time of separation from employment, the Department will only recognize accrued vacation/sick leave expense liability in proportion to the percentage of the employment period during which the employee was employed in programs funded by the grant and paid from grant funds, pursuant to statutory and county policy limits.
16. All obligations must be incurred by June 30th of each State Fiscal Year and liquidated by September 30th of the following State Fiscal Year, excepting unemployment and worker's compensation expenses.
17. Expenditures shall not exceed an approved program or approved program line item by twenty percent or five thousand dollars, whichever is less. An amendment must be submitted for the Department's prior approval for any expense which would exceed these limits or which would alter the nature of the program.
18. Up to one thousand dollars may be moved between or within programs into an approved program line item. In such cases, the court shall submit amended budget forms to the Department. Transfers of more than one thousand dollars require that an amendment be submitted to the Department for approval prior to the transfer of funds.
19. Cost of equipment, property, services or any other budgeted items must be at fair market value, or that which would be paid by a prudent buyer in a given community.
20. All purchases are subject to county purchasing policies and procedures, except that purchases of direct service for youth do not have to be competitively bid. If no county purchasing procedures exist, state purchasing procedures as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code shall be followed.
21. Proper inventory schedules must be maintained for all equipment purchased with grant funds, including the following information for all equipment: number, purchase price, date of acquisition, vendor, condition and location.
22. County-established guidelines will be used for the salvage of unusable, damaged, and/or non-repairable equipment taken out of the juvenile court or programs funded by the grant. If no county guidelines exist, state guidelines shall be followed.
23. The Department shall suspend funding to a Subsidy Grant funded program if it finds failure to comply with the Ohio Revised Code or administrative rules promulgated by the Department.

Audits and Monitoring

1. The Juvenile Court shall submit tracking forms, statistical information, and other reports on forms and according to the time frame established by the Department.
2. The Juvenile Court shall maintain records as needed to allow the Department or its designee to conduct program monitoring and evaluation.

3. The Juvenile Court shall, in writing, request the Auditor of State to perform additional procedures as part of the audit performed under Section 117.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, and shall provide a copy of applicable sections of the audit report to the Department upon request. The cost of performing the additional audit procedures shall be paid from the Felony Delinquent Care and Custody Fund. The scope of the additional procedures shall include legal compliance with Sections 5139.34 and 5139.43 of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 5139-67 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and examination of revenues and expenditures, cash balance, outstanding obligations, and internal controls.
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5/22/25

 Date



 President, Board of County Commissioners
 or County Executive

6-3-25

 Date

Approval:

 Director, Department of Youth Services

 Date