

# RESOLUTION - SUPERMAJORITY

## Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Award from the McHenry County Community Foundation and the Creation of One Employment Specialist Position in Court Administration and an Emergency Appropriation Court Administration FY2024 Budget (42)

**WHEREAS**, the Problem Solving Courts of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit of McHenry County operate the Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and DUI Court Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, these programs operate with fidelity to the established evidence based practices and ten key components for problem solving courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Problem Solving Court programs have been found to be a viable alternative to incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, recent research indicates that sustained recovery is significantly tied to meaningful and purposeful work-life balance. Employment is an important element for sustaining recovery and maintaining financial independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit has sought and has received a grant award notice from the McHenry County Community Foundation in the amount of \$75,000.00 for an employment specialist to work with the clients of the Specialty Court Programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$75,000.00 from McHenry County Community Foundation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, the Director of Human Services is hereby authorized and directed to create one employment specialist position, grade 8E, within the Court Administration employee roster; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the Court Administration 2024 budget to the following budget line items to allow for the proper accounting of said grant award:

<b>REVENUE:</b>		
096325-42-4200-376	Private Foundation and Corporate Grants	\$75,000.00
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
301010-42-4200-376	Regular Salaries Non-Union	\$58,829.00
310510-42-4200-376	Social Sec./Medicare/County Contribution	\$ 4,500.42
311010-42-4200-376	IL Municipal Retirement Non Union	\$ 3,576.80
314610-42-4200-376	Health Insurance/County Contribution	\$ 8,093.78

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the Director of Human Resources, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Trial Court Administrator, Director Office of Special Projects, and Chief Circuit Judge.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 16th day of July, A.D., 2024.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

## RESOLUTION

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Award from the McHenry County Community Foundation and the Creation of One Employment Specialist Position in Court Administration and an Emergency Appropriation Court Administration FY2024 Budget (42)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the McHenry County Community Foundation in the amount of \$75,000.00, the creation of one employment specialist in the Court Administration roster and an emergency appropriation to the Court Administration 2024 budget.

**Background and Discussion:**

The Office of Special Projects employs evidenced based practices when interacting with clients of the Problem Solving Courts. Recovery from Substance Use Disorder can be a difficult and the Specialty Courts, based on research, believe that the fundamental treatment of the entire individual is necessary to achieve sobriety, rather than just treating the addiction or mental health issue. By doing so, all of the needs of the individual are met. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), recent research indicates that sustained recovery is significantly tied to meaningful and purposeful work-life balance. Employment is an important element for sustaining recovery and maintaining financial independence.

The Office of Special Projects in collaboration with Workforce Network, sought a transformational grant through the McHenry County Community Foundation and was awarded \$75,000.00 to employ an employment specialist. This employment specialist will work with all of the clients of the Specialty Court Programs, who need employment services. Each client will submit to an employment assessment and will be offered access to training, resume building, career counseling, finance management, etc.

**Impact on Human Resources:**

Requires the creation of a new employment specialist on the Court Administration employment roster.

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):**

An emergency appropriation is necessary to the Court Administration 2024 budget in the following manner:

<b>REVENUE:</b>		
096325-96-42-4200-376	Local Grant	\$75,000.00
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
301010-42-4200-376	Regular Salaries Non-Union	\$58,829.00
310510-42-4200-376	Social Sec./Medicare/County Contribution	\$ 4,500.42
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**Impact on Capital Expenditures:**

None

**Impact on Physical Space:**

This position will be housed at the Office of Special Projects at 400 Russel Court, Woodstock, IL 60098.

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:**

This position will allow for increased capacity to better serve clients, the community, and referring agencies and departments. The ultimate goal of this position is to aid clients in obtaining gainful employment, which ultimately impacts the community/county in which they live.

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:**

Yes.