

RESOLUTION - SUPERMAJORITY

Resolution Establishing Expense Budget for AOT Grant Award from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and an Emergency Appropriation in the Court Administration FY25 Budget (42)

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

WHEREAS, the Problem Solving Court programs have been found to be a viable alternative to incarceration and a correlation with decreased recidivism of program clients; and

WEHREAS, an increasing number of residents living in McHenry County suffer from severe mental illness (SMI), some are able to receive treatment while others go untreated; and

WHEREAS, the need for better identification of current severe mental illness (SMI) individuals who come in contact with law enforcement and are noncompliant with treatment but meet our state's criteria for assisted outpatient treatment is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Special Projects pursued a four-year federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to offer Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) to the residents of McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the AOT program aims to bridge the treatment gap for individuals with SMI who meet the criteria for involuntary outpatient commitment by providing evidence-based mental health treatment and support services; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Board pursuant to Resolution # R-202410-42-217 authorized the acceptance of said grant including position creation; and

WHEREAS, the revenue portion of the FY2025 was established during the budget process, which created \$126,059 in fund balance enhancement (of the total award amount of \$240,473); and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to establish the remaining expenditure budget for FY2025 and transfer \$126,059 from fund balance enhancement; and

WHEREAS, an emergency appropriation is necessary in the amount of \$114,414 to the Court Administration 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$114,414 to the Court Administration FY2025 budget to the following budget line items to allow for the proper accounting of said grant award:

REVENUE:		
094000-42-4200-376	Federal Government Grant	\$240,473.00
094700-42-4200-376	Local Government Grant	(\$126,059.00)
	Total Revenue	\$114,414.00
EXPENSE:		
301010-42-4200-376	Regular Salaries Non-Union	\$92,863.00
310510-42-4200-376	FICA	\$5,088.00
311010-42-4200-376	IL Municipal Retirement Non Union	\$ 5,852.00

314610-42-4200-376	Health Insurance/County Contribution	\$30,600.00
400100-42-4200-376	Contractual Services	\$41,000.00
400500-42-4200-376	Association Dues/Memberships	\$8,020.00
409600-42-4200-376	Telecommunications	\$ 1,633.00
410100-42-4200-376	Building Rental	\$15,732.00
480900-42-4200-376	Client Services	\$19,500.00
501000-42-4200-376	Office Supplies	\$3,049.00
504000-42-4200-376	Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,877.00
505000-42-4200-376	Meeting Expenses	\$12,526.00
511500-42-4200-376	Computer Components < \$5,000	\$2,733.00
681000-42-4200-376	Fund Balance Enhancement	(\$126,059.00)
	Total Expense	\$114,414.00

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, Deputy Trial Court Administrator, Director Office of Special Projects, and Chief Circuit Judge.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 20 day of May, A.D., 2025.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Resolution Establishing Expense Budget for AOT Grant Award from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and an Emergency Appropriation in the Court Administration FY25 Budget (42)

Board / Committee Action Requested:

Approve a resolution establishing an expense budget for AOT grant award from SAMHSA and an emergency appropriation to the Court Administration FY2025 budget in the amount of \$240,473.00

Background and Discussion:

According to the Treatment Advocacy Center only 10.8/100,000 beds are available in Illinois overall, which is below the 50/100,000 minimum to be considered necessary to provide minimally adequate treatment to individuals with SMI. The Treatment Advocacy Center claims McHenry County provides only 16 local psychiatric inpatient beds are available. The McHenry County States Attorney's Office claims 52% of the murders over the last 15 years were committed by individuals suffering from an SMI. Additionally, the McHenry County Sheriff's Department reports a trend of residents with untreated SMI entering the criminal justice system and incarceration rates have steadily increased largely attributed to inadequate mental health treatment and support services. The residents of McHenry County who go untreated with SMI may not have the ability to pay for treatment services.

Introducing an Assisted Outpatient Treatment Clinician will provide services to adults in the (AOT) program which includes assessment, diagnosis, collaboration with treatment providers and case management. The AOT program aims to bridge the treatment gap for individuals with SMI who meet the criteria for involuntary outpatient patient commitment and by providing evidence-based mental health treatment and support services. A portion of the grant funding will cover costs of treatment services for clients without insurance who reside in McHenry County.

Impact on Human Resources:

None.

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

- Where is the money coming from? **The money is coming from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).**
 - Was it budgeted? **Yes, funding was only budgeted in revenue.**

- Is it from a grant? Is there a match? **Yes, this funding is from a grant. No match is required for this grant.**
- Is the money coming from the fund reserve? **No.**
- Will it be an ongoing expense? If so, do we know where the money will come from in the future? **Funding will be coming from future SAMHSA AOT continuation grant requests.**
- Why was this not addressed during the budget development process? **Final approval and grant award was not given until after the budget process was completed.**
- Can this wait until the next budget is developed? **No, currently salary and other items related to the grant are being utilized now.**

An emergency appropriation is necessary to the Court Administration 2025 budget in the following manner:

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Position Reclassification or Regrade, please address the following:

None.

Impact on Capital Expenditures:

None.

Impact on Physical Space:

None.

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:

This position/program allows for enhanced treatment of residents of the County of McHenry in hopes to decrease the likelihood of individuals with SMI to enter the criminal justice system. The ultimate goal of this program is to provide treatment services as well as assist covering the costs of services to residents who are unable to do so on their own. By providing these services the program helps bridge gaps in care. By doing so, we can provide treatment options and services that will ultimately impact the community in which they live.

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:

Yes.