

# RESOLUTION - SUPERMAJORITY

## Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of \$10,000 in Grant Funding for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Office of Special Projects and an Emergency Appropriation to the FY2026 Budget (42)

**WHEREAS**, the 22nd Judicial Circuit, through its Office of Special Projects, administers Specialty Court programs including Adult Drug Court, DUI Court, Mental Health Court, and Assisted Out-Patient Treatment Programs, which provide structured, treatment-oriented alternatives for justice-involved individuals with substance use disorders, mental health needs, and related behavioral health challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the 22nd Judicial Circuit identified a need to further enhance rehabilitative services and community education through evidence-informed and trauma-responsive interventions designed to improve coping skills, emotional regulation, self-efficacy, and public awareness of available problem-solving court resources; and

**WHEREAS**, a grant application submitted to Northwestern Medicine on behalf of the 22nd Judicial Circuit outlined proposed funding to support therapeutic and educational initiatives, including art therapy and equine-assisted learning; and

**WHEREAS**, these services are intended to address significant community health needs, including behavioral health and substance use disorder, while also promoting violence prevention, community safety, reduced recidivism, and improved long-term outcomes for program participants; and

**WHEREAS**, acceptance of outside grant funding in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) will assist the 22nd Judicial Circuit in expanding and strengthening these Specialty Court initiatives without placing the full financial burden on local resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Circuit Judge and Trial Court Administrator support the acceptance of said grant funding which supports the ongoing mission of the 22nd Judicial Circuit to address underlying causes of justice involvement and improve public safety through effective court-based intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency appropriation is necessary for the FY26 Budget to the following line items:

	Main Account	Department	Division	Fund	Amount
Revenue	096325 (Private Foundation & Corporate Grants)	42	4200	376	\$10,000.00
Expense	480900 (Client Services)	42	4200	376	\$10,000.00

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the McHenry County Board that the County hereby authorizes the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the benefit of the 22nd Judicial Circuit Office of Special Projects to support Specialty Court programming and related educational and rehabilitative project activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an emergency appropriation is hereby approved for the FY26 Budget to the following line items:

	Main Account	Department	Division	Fund	Amount
Revenue	096325 (Private Foundation & Corporate Grants)	42	4200	376	\$10,000.00
Expense	480900 (Client Services)	42	4200	376	\$10,000.00

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

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 21 day of April, A.D., 2026.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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**RESOLUTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of \$10,000 in Grant Funding for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Office of Special Projects and an Emergency Appropriation to the FY2026 Budget (42)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from Northwestern Medicine in the amount of \$10,000.00.

**Background and Discussion:**

The 22nd Judicial Circuit, through its Office of Special Projects, operates the Specialty Court programs, Drug Court, DUI Court, Mental Health Court, and Assisted Outpatient Treatment, that provide structured, treatment-oriented interventions for individuals whose justice involvement is closely connected to mental health conditions, substance use disorders, and other behavioral health needs. These programs use an interdisciplinary team approach and are intended to address the underlying causes of court involvement while improving compliance, stability, and public safety.

The Circuit submitted a community grant application to Northwestern Medicine seeking support for enhanced rehabilitative programming related to Specialty Courts. The proposal identified three project components: trauma-informed art therapy services, equine-assisted learning opportunities, and the development of an updated educational video to better inform defendants, families, and the public about available rehabilitative options during court proceedings.

A grant award of \$10,000 has now been made available to support the art therapy and equine-assisted learning. Acceptance of the award will allow the 22nd Judicial Circuit to strengthen Specialty Court programming of court-based rehabilitative services without placing the full cost of the project on local resources. Approval of this resolution authorizes acceptance and administration of the \$10,000 award.

**Impact on Human Resources:**

None.

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

CourtAdmin-2026-009

An Emergency Appropriation is needed for Court Administrations FY26 budget as follows:

	Main Account	Department	Division	Fund	Amount
Revenue	096325 (Private Foundation & Corporate Grants)	42	4200	376	\$10,000.00
Expense	480900 (Client Services)	42	4200	376	\$10,000.00

**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:**

None.

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

Yes.