

**Blount County, Tennessee
Grant (Contract) Worksheet**

(adopted February 21, 2013)

Please provide the information below for any Grant being applied for or recently awarded.

Once completed, return the worksheet via e-mail to the Grant Accountant at accounting@blounttn.org.

Requesting Department: Blount County Juvenile Court/Courthouse

Contact Person's Name, email, phone # (person applying for grant): Kenlyn Foster, 865-273-5952

Financial Reporting Person's information (if different than contact): same

Project/Program Director's Name, email, phone # same

Name of Granting Agency: Administrative Office of the Courts, mitch.turner@tncourts.gov

Grant Name: Courthouse Security Grant

Is a grant application required? YES X NO

Is this a one-time grant? YES X NO If no, is the grant recurring?

Grant Funds Requested:

Are County Funds Required (Match)? If so when approved, a budget amendment for match will need to be included with this form

Yes, 10%

Total Amount of Grant:

\$ 13,523.00

Brief Description for Use of Grant Funds:
(Equipment, Gear, Personnel, etc.)

To purchase equipment for courtroom security.

If the grant is in the application processes, what is the submission deadline?

16-Oct-17

Worksheet reviewed by -

Grant Accountant and/or Finance Director:

Angelie Shankle

Date of Commission approval:

Please provide the remaining information once the Grant is approved.

Grant CFDA# (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance):

Date of Grant Award:

Grant Period: (such as: Oct 1 - Sept 30)

Expiration Date of Grant, as established by the Granting Agency:

Anticipated Closing Date of Grant Project:

How will we receive the Grant Funds? (direct deposit, check, other)

How often will the Grant Funds be sent? (monthly, quarterly, one payment, other)

**** Attach Budget Amendment(s) to this form when grant approved ****



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TWO MILLION DOLLAR GRANT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE COURTHOUSE SECURITY ANNOUNCED

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) launched a one-time court security grant program effective August 18, 2017. The AOC received \$2 million in one-time funds appropriated by the Tennessee General Assembly and Governor Bill Haslam to improve court security across Tennessee. The past year has yielded at least two serious security breaches in Lewis and Coffee Counties, one resulting in serious injuries to a deputy.

The purpose of this grant is to improve courtroom security and to provide safe and secure facilities to "conduct the business and duties of the court," as required by Tennessee Code Annotated §16-2-505(d)(1). A special committee of judges from across the state was appointed to determine the qualifications and criteria for grant awards. Chaired by John S. McLellan III (2nd Judicial District), the other judges are Tammy M. Harrington (5th Judicial District), Amy V. Hollars (13th Judicial District), Donald E. Parish (24th Judicial District), Russell Parkes (22nd Judicial District), and John D. Wootten, Jr. (15th Judicial District).

"Court security and safety are issues the Supreme Court of Tennessee takes very seriously," Chief Justice Jeff Bivins said. "This past year has yielded at least two serious security breaches that have brought renewed focus on the needs faced by judges, court personnel and the public."

Preference will be given to counties with courtrooms that do not currently meet the present minimum courtroom security standards as well as counties that have experienced a courtroom security breach during the 12-month period of July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

"We appreciate the support of the General Assembly and Governor Haslam to help prevent additional violence in our courthouses so that the business of our courts and our citizens can continue safely and efficiently," added AOC Director Deborah Taylor Tate.

Grant applications will be accepted through October 16, 2017. For more information about the court security grant, please contact Mitch Turner at mitch.turner@tncourts.gov, or visit TNCourts.gov for grant application and information.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
COURTROOM SECURITY APPLICATION**

Person Making Request: Kenlyn Foster

Contact #: 865-273-5952

County: Blount

Location of Courthouse(s): 355 Court St Maryville TN 37804

Presiding Judge: Kenlyn Foster, Juvenile Court
(if applicable)

County Mayor: Ed Mitchell

Contact #: 865-273-5952

Contact #: 865-273-5700

Section I – The purpose of this grant is to improve courtroom security and to “provide safe and secure facilities” to “conduct the business and duties of the court.” Tenn. Code Ann. 16-2-505(d)(1) – (2). Monetary award preference will be given to counties with courtrooms that do not currently meet the present minimum courtroom security standards and/or counties that have experienced a courtroom security breach during the 12-month period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. The present minimum court security standards adopted by the Tennessee Judicial Conference are listed below. This is a reimbursement grant that will be paid upon approval by the AOC and purchased by the county. All grants require a 10% match. Please include a specific cost amount for each item requested.

MINIMUM COURTROOM SECURITY STANDARDS INCLUDE:

- (1) Silent bench panic button connected directly to the sheriff’s department or police department;
- (2) A bullet-proof bench;
- (3) Availability of an armed, uniformed guard (officer) in each courtroom during court sessions;
- (4) Court security training sessions for court officers; and
- (5) Hand-held detectors (minimum of 2) and/or magnetometers in each county to assure the safety in each courthouse or courtroom.

Section II – Prioritize the security needs for your courtroom(s). List items you would like purchased for your courtroom(s), including but not limited to: silent bench panic button with connectivity directly to local law enforcement, bullet-proof bench, hand-held metal detectors, walk-through magnetometers, x-ray machine, or other security needs. Please provide a cost estimate for each item requested.

Priority #1 Item: 2 Bullet Proof Benches
Cost: \$ 13,523.00

Priority #2 Item: _____
Cost: _____

Priority #3 Item: _____
Cost: _____

Priority #4 Item: _____
Cost: _____

Section III – Please provide a brief summary and note whether you presently meet the minimum courtroom security standards. If your county does not meet the current minimum standards, provide a list of the minimum standard(s) your county lacks. Please include any other helpful information.

Blount County Juvenile Court does not currently meet the minimum courtroom security standards in that we do not have bullet proof benches in either of our 2 courtrooms (Judge's and Magistrate's). We do not have "bench" panic buttons, but do have silent panic buttons located directly behind us on the wall that are connected directly to the sheriff's department. We have 1 magnetometer here at the Courthouse directly outside the courtroom door, and there is 1 at our Justice Center where other courts are held.

Section IV – Please provide a brief summary concerning how your county will provide the 10% match. In-kind matches may also be considered.

We will provide the 10% match out of our current 17-18 Juvenile Court budget.

Section V - If your county has established a court security fund pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 67-4-601(b), please provide the current balance. \$0.00 If your county has not established this fund, you may wish to do so in order to provide continuous funding for courtroom security as permitted by the General Assembly.

Section VI – Does your county currently have an active court security committee pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 16-2-505(d)(2)

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please include a brief summary as to why you do not have an active court security committee.