



CIRCUIT COURT
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

INDEPENDENCE, CLEBURNE, STONE,
IZARD AND FULTON COUNTIES

FIRST DIVISION
August 7, 2015

JOHN DAN KEMP
CIRCUIT JUDGE
STONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
107 WEST MAIN ST., SUITE G
MOUNTAIN VIEW, AR 72560
PHONE 870-269-8989
FAX 870-269-8964

KRISTENA FLETCHER
COURT REPORTER
870-994-7975

RUTH BONDS
TRIAL COURT ASSISTANT
870-269-8989

BARBARA KUHN
TRIAL COURT ASSISTANT
870-269-8989

Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
c/o Room 315
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Rep. David Branscum, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
c/o Room 315
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Proposed Funding Formula of Judicial Council
of \$2,800,000 under Act 895 of 2015

Dear Sen. Sample and Rep. Branscum:

As Chairman of the Specialty Court Advisory Committee, I am submitting this report on behalf of the Committee.

The Specialty Court Advisory Committee has reviewed the Proposed Funding Formula of the Arkansas Judicial Council for expenditure of the \$2,800,000 appropriated under Act 895 of 2015.

The Specialty Court Advisory Committee has approved the recommendation made by the Judicial Council in its Funding Formula Proposal. Attached is the Funding Formula Proposal of the Judicial Council.

We look forward to the Legislative Council's favorable action on this Funding Formula Proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Dan Kemp".

John Dan Kemp

JDK/rfb

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Marty Garrity, Director, Arkansas Legislative Council
Hon. Gary Arnold, President, Arkansas Judicial Council

FUNDING FORMULA SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

FORMULA PROPOSAL

DRAFT

The formula proposal is a tentative draft of the final formula, subject to review and approval by the Judicial Council, Specialty Court Advisory Committee and Legislative Council.

Total funds available: 2.8 Million

Funds are divided into two categories: **Base Specialty Court Funding**, and **Additional Funding**.

Base Specialty Court Funding are set amounts that each program may apply to receive. The fund amounts are determined by the type of program. A program may apply to receive the base amount of available funds for that type of program. Award amounts are determined after a review of the grant application.

Additional Funding are funds that are leftover from unused base funds. They can be applied for by any program to address a specific need/project/program/or higher number of participants. Awards are determined after application review.

Factors to be considered in the awarding of grant money: type of Court, best practices followed, various areas in Arkansas being served, number of participants, high and medium risk participants given priority, participants in program 3 years or less, and rates of recidivism.

Programs may apply for Base Specialty Court Funding and Additional Funding in the same grant process.

1. 13 Juvenile Drug Courts/Family Treatment Drug Court at \$30,000.00 per court is the base funding available.
Total: \$390,000.00
2. 6 Pre-adjudication courts/programs at \$30,000.00 per court is the base funding available.
Total: \$180,000.00
3. H.O.P.E. Court at \$30,000.00 is the base funding available.
Total: \$30,000.00
4. 5 Swift Courts at \$30,000.00 per court is the base funding available.
Total: \$150,000.00
5. 2 Mental Health Court/Programs at \$10,000.00 per program is the base funding available.

Total: \$20,000.00

6. 10 Veterans Courts at \$10,000.00 per court is the base funding available.

Total: \$100,000.00

7. 13 District Court Specialty Courts (includes D.W.I. courts) at \$10,000.00 per court is the base funding available.

Total: \$130,000.00

8. 43 Adult Drug Courts at \$1,000.00 per defendant and up to a base of \$203,000.00 is the base funding available.

Total: \$1,830,000.00

Calculations used to determine the adult drug court figures: (caseload figures per ACC March 2015)

The 2 largest drug courts are Washington Co (211) and 6th Judicial (Pulaski/Perry 505). If these 2 counties are eligible for the base amounts of \$203,000.00 per court, that is a total of: \$406,000.00

Total caseload statewide is 2,073. Subtract the caseloads listed above (716) to get a total statewide caseload for the 41 remaining drug courts of 1,357.

Average number of participants per court (1,357 divided by 41) equals 34 (rounded up).

34 participants multiplied by \$1,000.00 equals \$34,000.00 per 41 courts for a total of \$1,394,000.00

Add \$1,394,000.00 to \$406,000.00 for the final total of \$1,800,000.00

This figure is approximate with the assumption that not all courts will apply for funds and not all courts may receive the base funding available.

ALL TOTALS:

ELIGIBLE APPLICABLE FUNDING: \$2,800,000.00

ADDITIONAL NEEDS FUNDING: Any and all unused Base Funding.