

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

Person Making Request: _____

Contact #: _____

County: _____

Location of Courthouse(s): _____

Presiding Judge: _____
(if applicable)

County Mayor: _____

Contact #: _____

Contact #: _____

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.
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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: _____

Priority #2 Item: _____

Cost: _____

Cost: _____

Priority #3 Item: _____

Priority #4 Item: _____

Cost: _____

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.

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

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. \$_____ 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.

Individual Completing Application
(print name)

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(signature)

Presiding Judge
(print name)

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County Mayor
(print name)

County Mayor
(signature)

Please email your request to Mitch Turner at: communications@tncourts.gov

You can also fax your request to the attention of Mitch Turner at 615-741-6285

**Please submit your grant application no later than October 16, 2017.
After review of applications received on or before October 16, 2017
if funds are still available, additional requests may be considered.**