

Interpreter Grant Funding

The AOC has one time grant funding for a one year of \$200,000 project to pay for the costs of interpreters for specific non-indigent parties – specifically those parties involved in cases as outlined in Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 13(1)(d)(1) and (2) as follows:

- Cases in which an adult is charged with a felony or a misdemeanor and is in jeopardy of incarceration;
- Contempt of court proceedings in which the defendant is in jeopardy of incarceration;
- Proceedings initiated by a petition for habeas corpus, early release from incarceration, suspended sentence, or probation revocation;
- Proceedings initiated by a petition for post-conviction relief, subject to the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 28 and Tennessee Code Annotated sections 40-30-101 et seq.;
- Parole revocation proceedings pursuant to the authority of state and/or federal law;
- Judicial proceedings under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapters 3 through 8, Mental Health Law;
- Cases in which a superintendent of a mental health facility files a petition under the guardianship law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 34; and
- Cases under Tennessee Code Annotated section 37-10-304 and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 24, relative to petitions for waiver of parental consent for abortions by minors.
- Cases in which a juvenile is charged with juvenile delinquency for committing an act which would be a misdemeanor or a felony if committed by an adult;
- Cases under Titles 36 and 37 of the Tennessee Code Annotated involving allegations against parents that could result in finding a child dependent or neglected or in terminating parental rights
- Cases alleging unruly conduct of a child which place the child in jeopardy of being removed from the home pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 37-1-132(b).

Grant funds have been awarded from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Competitive Grant Program. The grant funding ends as of June 30, 2012.

Qualifications and Criteria

All courts (trial/general sessions/juvenile) that hear cases as outlined above, in which there is a non-indigent party and in which there has been an appointment of an interpreter, may advise the interpreter that he/she can invoice the AOC for the costs of the interpreting through the grant period.

ONCE THE FUNDING IS DEPLETED, INVOICES CANNOT BE PAID. THE AOC IS NOT ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES ONCE THE FUNDING IS EXHAUSTED. PAYMENT OF INVOICES IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. THE AOC WILL NOTIFY THE COURTS WHEN THE FUNDING IS DEPLETED.

Questions regarding payment rates and general questions about this project can be sent to the following:

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