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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Mason Municipal Court Awarded Technology Grant**

Funding from Supreme Court of Ohio Advances Public Access to Justice

*CITY OF MASON, OHIO May 5, 2023--* The Supreme Court of Ohio today announced the Mason Municipal Court, Probation department will receive a technology grant from the Supreme Court of Ohio.

"Through enhanced technology, our courts can serve the public more securely, efficiently, and transparently," said Chief Justice Sharon L. Kennedy. "Whether the grant involves security systems in a courthouse or facilitates an implementation of e-filing, we trust that our grants will improve access to justice for all Ohioans."

Mason Municipal court will use the \$30,570.00 it receives this year to enhance technology to better serve the public more securely and efficiently in the Probation Department.

"The time our legal professionals save through technology is time that can be dedicated to the people in the city of Mason and Deerfield Township," said Judge Batsche.

This year, the Supreme Court of Ohio is awarding \$2.9 million to 42 local court projects for technology systems or upgrades. The projects range from electronic dockets to security systems.

The initial cost of a major technology upgrade can require a significant investment. That's where the Supreme Court grants help. The annual grants are available to any court of appeals, common pleas, municipal or county court. Applications are reviewed and awarded on a competitive basis.

A full list of grant recipients can be found online at: https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/grants/.

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