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Goodhue County Court Services has been awarded a grant through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle services to provide assistance to those on probation to defray the cost of court ordered Ignition Interlock devices.

In 2022, Goodhue County has a population of 48,013 and encompasses 10 cities and 231 townships over 780 square miles. The largest municipality and county seat is the city of Red Wing.

Goodhue County Court Services provides probation services for the Goodhue County District Court in adult misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases and probation and parole services to the Court in all juvenile cases. In addition, this office provides investigatory services to the Court for juvenile and adult cases appearing for sentencing or disposition. Agents have caseloads based on geographical areas so agents may develop relationships with stakeholders in their satellite communities.

Staff reports to the Director of Court Services and each unit provides supervision and programming.

- The Juvenile Unit supervises juveniles from 10-21 years old who are convicted of all levels of offenses (felony, gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, petty misdemeanor, and some traffic).
- The Adult Unit supervises adult offenders convicted of gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor level offenses; as well as felony-level charges that are reduced to a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor level.
- The Administrative Unit provides support for all staff and the Director. The administrative unit monitors low level administrative cases and traffic fines.

The work plan for the current grant period focuses on qualifying second time DWI offenders with license withdrawal periods over one year. This includes first time DWI offenders over .16 and test refusal which sanction a one-year withdrawal period. All other DWI offenders ranging from second DWI in 10 years and so on are acceptable applicants. Those persons who have three or more DWI's will have a cancelled license which requires them to have ignition interlock. These individuals will be a priority to the program as their history shows a higher risk to drink and drive. These individuals will be required to complete a chemical dependency evaluation and begin and successfully finish the recommendations prior to being accepted into the ignition interlock program per the Minnesota Department of Motor Vehicle guidelines.

Recipients of grant funds will be required to use the ignition interlock according to law and the MN DPS licensing requirements.

The budget for the program is as follows:

<b>Budget</b>		
<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>State Reimbursement</b>	<b>Local Match</b>
In-State Travel		
Conference, training travel, and other related grant travel	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$500.00	\$0.00
Program Coordinator Salary and Fringe		
Interlock Coordinator Salary	\$5,000.00	\$6,100.00*
<b>Total</b>	\$5,000.00	\$6,100.00
Professional Services		
Installation and ongoing program fees for clients	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$30,500.00	\$6,100.00

**\*This is Probation Officer time, and no additional money will need to be allocated from the budget outside of their regular salary.**