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NSC Funds Annual Grants For Court Security and Technology Needs

CARSON CITY, March 16, 2016 – The Nevada Supreme Court through the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has awarded \$106,500 in AOC Grant Program funds.

The AOC Grant Program is made up of two distinct funding streams. The Uniform System of Judicial Records Grant (USJR) funds are aimed at helping courts comply with the caseload statistical reporting requirements of the Nevada Judiciary. Trial Court Improvement Grants (TCI) fund court order, statutory, or procedural requirements in the areas of technology, security, and court interpreters for Nevada trial courts.

A significant portion of the TCI grants, amounting to \$73,400, will be used by courts to improve audio/visual equipment. Reno Justice Court was awarded \$25,200 to upgrade and modernize audio/visual courtroom equipment. White Pine County will utilize \$18,200 to upgrade the Jefferson Audio Visual Systems (JAVS) recording equipment in the Seventh Judicial District Court, and Bunkerville Justice Court will purchase and install JAVS recording equipment in the courtroom with a \$20,000 grant. Argenta Justice Court was awarded \$10,000 to complete the installation of audio/visual systems in its new court facility.

Courthouse security improvements make up \$26,600 of the funding. The Second Judicial District Court in Washoe County will use \$4,000 for the development of an on-line and interactive training for court employees addressing active shooter situations. This training is expected to be of value to other courts as well. The Virginia Justice Court will utilize \$3,700 to install a metal detector in the entrance of the courtroom, and the Carson City Municipal, Justice, and District Courts were awarded \$18,900 to remodel the front lobby of the courthouse to improve security screening.

Finally, the Eleventh Judicial District Court was awarded a \$6,500 USJR grant for the purchase of a high-speed document scanner for an electronic file management system that Court is working to implement in their three counties.

For more information on the AOC Grant Program contact Jamie Gradick, Rural Courts Coordinator, at (775) 687-9808.

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