Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS COURTS AWARDED $2,500,000 VETERANS TREATMENT COURT GRANT

The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) announced today it was awarded a $2,500,000 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), Category 3, Statewide Discretionary Grant Program. The VTC is a competitive, four-year grant program that supports projects that expand veterans' treatment court training, technical assistance, and services statewide.

The Illinois Courts will use funds to engage the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) to develop training, curriculum courses, and provide technical assistance. PsychArmor will be engaged to provide military culture training and training on self-harm within this population. Funds will also be used to support VTC throughout the state to increase court capacity, improve graduation outcomes, expand access to evidence-based treatment, and engage VTC mentors.

"We appreciate being selected for this grant award as it furthers the efforts of AOIC's work toward improving the court and community response to veterans with mental health and co-occurring disorders," Bill Blundell, AOIC's Problem-Solving Court Manager, said. "The award notice comes at an opportune time as we are set to provide increased training and technical assistance, along with additional resources, for the veterans treatment courts throughout the state of Illinois."

The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime.

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