



**CIRCUIT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

CLAY, DUVAL AND NASSAU COUNTIES

MARK H. MAHON
CHIEF JUDGE

DUVAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE
501 W. ADAMS ST., ROOM 7140
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202

August 23, 2021

Deborah Sileo
Director of the Office of Management and Budget
Clay County Board of County Commissioners
477 Houston Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Dear Ms. Sileo:

I am writing to you to request an allocation of funds from the County for the position of Magistrate for the County's Family Court Services and for a mediation coordinator.

As you are aware, the legislature enacted Section 939.185, Florida Statutes, which enables the Clay County Board of Commissioners to implement a \$65.00 court cost to be assessed in various criminal cases. Twenty-five percent of those costs are specifically earmarked for the funding of innovations in the Court system, to fund "Local Requirements" per section 29.008(2)(a)(2), Florida Statutes. Family Court Services and mediation programs are just the programs envisioned by this statute.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, as well as the citizens of Clay County, I am requesting an allocation of **\$78,000.00**, to cover expenses associated with the cost of a contractor to serve as a Family Court Magistrate. In addition I would request **\$17,200** for a mediation coordinator, to support the mediation program at Clay County.

If you should have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very Truly Yours,

Mark H. Mahon
Chief Judge

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