

COURT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
— SUMMARY OF AWARDS - 10th ROUND —

Section 27-05.2-10, NDCC, authorizes grants from the Court Facilities Improvement and Maintenance Fund for county projects to improve or maintain court facilities. The Fund receives revenue from a share of a \$100 fee applied to all criminal cases except infractions. The Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee is established under Section 27-05.2-09, NDCC, to receive applications for grants and make awards for projects that qualify for grant funds. The Committee is comprised of the following members: Sally Holewa, State Court Administrator and Committee Chair; Jerome Gruenberg, Ward County Commissioner; Randi Suckut, Wells County Commissioner; William E. Kretschmar, State Representative; and Charles G. DeMakis, State Bar Association representative.

Briefly stated, the basic project requirements are that the improvement or maintenance project must be a necessary improvement to court facilities or essential to remodel or maintain existing court facilities. The county is required by statute to provide local funding for the project in an amount equal to at least 25% of the project's total cost. Additionally, Section 27-05.2-10 requires that at least 25% of the available grant funds be available for counties with a population of less than 7,500.

The Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee convened on January 31, 2014, to review the tenth round of applications for grant funds. Due to a prior conflict, Commissioner Gruenberg was unable to attend. The Committee reviewed 42 applications for grant funds: 17 applications from counties with populations 7500 or more and 25 applications from counties with populations less than 7500. Amount of grant funds requested: \$2,545,007.85. Amount available for grant awards: \$1,092,396.52 Amount of grants awarded at the January 31 meeting: \$1,085,697.49.

Listed below in alphabetical order are the counties that received grant awards, the amount of the award, and a brief description of the project.

Adams	\$13,846.05	Light fixtures for clerk's office and file storage vault; assisted hearing system for courtroom; table (clerk's office), and a security camera system for court-related space.
Barnes	\$17,436.05	Remodel and convert clerk's storage room to create a jury room (removing and building wall, cooling unit, counters, and sink).
Benson	\$3,510.44	Carpeting for the clerk's office and refinishing the courtroom floor.
Billings	\$12,653.25	Replace courtroom sound system for compatibility with digital recording.

Burleigh	\$9,862.50	Ceiling repair, security switches, and rerouting the <i>Invonics</i> transmitter, and a card entry system (electric strike, proximity reader, door switch, and PIR) to enable court staff to access to offices after hours.
Dickey	\$10,744.59	Chairs (2 - clerk's office), clerk desk in courtroom, chairs (16 - courtroom), a metal detector, message boards, portable DVD player, 19"-24" TV/DVD. Grant award reflects a standard award amount of \$2,600 for the metal detector.
Divide	\$18,381.75	Interactive video conferencing system for the courtroom. County assumes responsibility for all costs (a new line and maintenance) beyond purchase of the system.
Divide	\$10,459.42	Audio/visual evidence presentation system and cabinets, desks, and tables for the clerk's office. County assumes all system costs related to the evidence presentation system beyond initial purchase of the system.
Dunn	\$18,792.00*	Video conferencing system (IVN) for courtroom.*Grant award contingent on approval of the system by the trial court administrator.
Eddy	\$3,716.97	Replacement of light fixtures in the clerk's office and courtroom.
Emmons	\$22,372.50*	Video conferencing system (ITV) for the courtroom.*Grant award for ITV system is contingent on approval of the system by the trial court administrator.
Foster	\$1500.00	Cabinets, light switches, and a coat rack for the jury room.
Grant	\$10,912.50*	Polycom/ITV system for the courtroom. *Grant award for ITV system is contingent on approval of the system by the trial court administrator.
Griggs	\$149,310.94	Interior furnishings for the new court-related area related to a major courthouse construction project (award reflects 75% of related revised project estimates).
Logan	\$14,003.98	Replace conference table and courtroom benches; conference chairs (law library); folding tables (jury deliberation room); counters, workstation, desk, public computer stand, printer (clerk's office); and fans (clerk's office and vault).

McHenry	\$5,490.00	Painting (courtroom, judge's chambers, clerk's office, vault); wall patching and recondition trim (courtroom).
McIntosh	\$7,094.96	Repair beam/tile in courtroom; painting (clerk and court recorder areas, judge's chamber); two clocks.
McKenzie	\$416,752.28	Substantial renovation of court-related areas in the courthouse. Grant award distribution: 75% (\$283,627.28) of the total amount identified for the "4000" sections denoted in the Spreadsheet Report and 75% (\$133,125) of the amount identified as the "FF&E Budget" in the Spreadsheet Report. Award related to "FF&E Budget" items contingent on submission of detailed vendor estimates within 60 days of this notification (award is limited to the \$133,125 or the total amount of estimates, whichever is less).
McLean	\$2,600.00	Metal detector for the courtroom (award reflects a standard award amount of \$2,600 for metal detectors).
Morton	\$88,037.80	Replace four rooftop cooling/heating/ventilation units serving courtrooms and replacing chairs in Courtrooms 301 and 305 (award based on reduced cost consideration of \$250 per chair for counsel and juror chairs and \$1,000 for judge's chair).
Mountrail	\$29,886.60	Carpeting (courtroom, judge's chambers); heat pump (judge's chambers); secure entrance (judge's chambers); clerk and reporter/recorder work stations; bullet-proof wall and secure entrance (clerk's office).
Nelson	\$15,015.00	Replace folding chairs in courtroom with benches.
Pembina	\$2,737.50	Desk and workstation for deputy clerk of court.
Ransom	\$3,788.45	Security camera system for the courtroom (six cameras related to courtroom, one DVR, and related system set-up and equipment).
Renville	\$1,593.75	Refinish and repair desk in judge's chambers and refinish courtroom tables.
Sheridan	\$75,524.97	Air conditioning for the courtroom, judge's chambers, and the jury room, and four office chairs.
Stark	\$2,640.75	Sliding windows and window shades for nine windows in clerk of court office and wind.

Steele	\$379.57	Refrigerator for jury break room; bookshelf and postal/shipping scale for clerk of court office.
Stutsman	\$20,523.00	Installation of four heat pumps to replace remainder of pumps in district court offices.
Stutsman	\$9,301.90	Remodel district court areas to improve security; combine two smaller offices into one larger law clerk office.
Towner	\$4,676.46	Refinish four chairs located outside the jury room; purchase of commercial door mats for courtroom area entrances.
Trail	\$5,736.30	Jury room improvements (installation of carpeting and new air conditioning unit).
Walsh	\$8,042.90	Installation of Kevlar in areas for the judge, recorder, clerk, and witnesses and in the additional courtroom; two hand-held metal detectors.
Wells	\$68,372.36	Sand and refinish floors in the clerk's office, judge's chambers, courtroom hallway (\$6,589.65); replace chairs for judge, court reporter, and clerk (\$703.48); floor mats for clerk and deputy clerk chairs (\$419.98); storage hutch in clerk's office (\$989.25); high efficiency light fixtures in clerk's office, judge's chambers, courtroom, courtroom hallway, jury room (\$6,150); thermostat heat controls for clerk's office, judge's chambers, courtroom, jury room (\$17,025); electric hot water boiler (\$36,495) [award for boiler adjusted to reflect approximately 30% of courthouse space directly associated with court-related services].