

**COURT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**  
**— SUMMARY OF AWARDS - 11<sup>th</sup> 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; John Schmisek, Grand Forks County Commissioner; Randi Suckut, Wells County Commissioner; Ron Carlisle, State Senator; 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 30, 2015, to review the eighth round of applications for grant funds. The Committee reviewed 39 applications for grant funds: 15 applications from counties with populations 7500 or more and 24 applications from counties with populations less than 7500. Amount of grant funds requested: \$957,898.22. Amount available for grant awards: \$1,023,869.21 Amount of grants awarded at the January 30 meeting: \$913,067.50.

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	\$82,877.55	Replace windows on 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor; replace flourescent lights in courtroom; replace rooftop air conditioner for courtroom, with related roof repair and resealing.
Billings	\$5,247.00	Wall-mounted monitor, DVD player, document reader to link to current courtroom sound system.
Bowman	\$23,250	Replace hearing and air conditioning systems for courtroom, jury room, and judge's chambers.
Burke	\$10,649.39	Installation of emergency buttons in various court offices and desks; ballistic liner for clerk's desk.

Burleigh	\$34,171.50	Wallpaper, carpeting (judge's chambers and court reporter area); carpeting for hallways outside judge's chambers and between courtrooms; wood blinds (judge's chambers); counsel table chairs.
Cass	\$27,422.10	Remodel judge, witness, and jury areas in Courtroom 305.
Divide	\$5,657.59	Desk for clerk's office, computer, copier.
Dunn	\$29,340.00	Jury box with chairs; new elevated, armored judge's bench; two desks (court recorder, clerk); two counsel tables; elevated witness box; a lectern.
Eddy	\$5,422.66	Stacking chairs (jury room); paint/repair walls (clerk's office); desk (clerk); flags and stands.
Emmons	\$8,669.25	DVD/CD player; touch screen system for ITV; storage cabinets; desk (deputy clerk).
Grand Forks	\$33,367.50	Carpeting and counters for criminal and civil divisions.
Grant	\$25,824.00	Polycom/ITV system for the courtroom.
Hettinger	\$9,982.30	General court area enhancements (cleaning walls, drapes, carpet; waxing floors; painting walls and ceilings, repairing plaster) [no award for related travel and mileage].
Logan	\$37,405.22	Replace clerk's desk and vault workstation; replace court reporter's workstation; panic buttons; replace lighting in clerk's office, courtroom, and jury deliberation room.
McHenry	\$4,715.99	Clerk's desk and a supply cabinet and counter for the jury room.
McIntosh	\$1,083.60	Computer for clerk's office [contingent on submission of application signed by commission chairman].
Mercer	\$17,001.17	Counsel tables with power modules; jury deliberation tables with chairs; chairs for court personnel.
Morton	\$62,768.57	Door access security controls (reduce number of public entrances); X-ray screening for main public entrance; video conference system (Courtroom 200); carpet (courthouse library); power for cubicles in library; modify bench desktop (Courtroom 301) [award based on 2/3s of cost estimate for door security controls].

Nelson	\$5,891.25	Desk and hutch for judge's chambers; chairs (judge, clerk, reporter/recorder, attorneys).
Oliver	\$3,000.00	Metal detector [award based on 11 <sup>th</sup> Round uniform cost factor of \$4,000 for metal detectors].
Pierce	\$636.72	Refrigerator for jury room and paper shredder for clerk's office.
Ramsey	\$3,222.45	Window shades for courtroom.
Ransom	\$12,845.65	Painting and carpeting (judge's chambers, court reporter area, clerk's office); new counter with swing-gate; chairs (counsel table, bailiff, witness box, clerk, conference room).
Renville	\$2,835.00	Refinishing courtroom chairs.
Richland	\$4,951.50	Juvenile court office security measures (security glass, electronic door latch, two camera monitors) [award contingent upon submission of vendor estimates within designated time].
Rolette	\$6,065.78	Installation of window in clerk's office and LED lighting in the courtroom.
Sheridan	\$122.25	Computer monitor for the clerk or deputy clerk [funds not awarded for second requested monitor – monitor to be provided by state court system].
Slope	\$16,802.21	Metal detector; desk and chair (judge's chambers); judge's chair (courtroom); chairs for clerk and recorder; counsel tables and chairs; chairs for courtroom gallery [award reflects 11 <sup>th</sup> Round uniform cost factor of \$4,000 for metal detectors].
Stark	\$17,036.25	Cabinets in clerk's office, set of steps in courtroom, Polycom ITV system.
Stutsman	\$3,931.50	Installation of keycard security door for district court breakroom and replacement of ceiling tiles in conference rooms and hallway.
Stutsman	\$33,152.96	Replace fluorescent lights with LED light fixtures on 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor - district court offices and courtrooms.
Stutsman	\$44,653.06	Remodel lower level to provide more space for juvenile court staff.

Stutsman	\$13,308.00	Exterior caulking for second floor courthouse windows.
Towner	\$2,863.15	Copier/scanner; flags; gavel set; Keurig coffee set-up for jury room [funds not awarded for public terminal computer – to be supplied by state court system].
Ward	\$290,025.00	Phase 1 of three phase courthouse renovation project - renovation of juvenile probation and court areas.
Ward	\$17,571.00	Replacement of cabinets and chairs for juror accommodations and courtroom ceiling repair and painting.
Wells	\$9,298.38	Painting (courtroom, jury room, courtroom hallway); carpet (front portion of courtroom); chair mats for judge's, court reporter's, and clerk's chairs.