

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS**  
**FY 2012 Budget Submission**  
**Grant-funded Activities and Reimbursements**

For Fiscal Year 2010, the District of Columbia Courts secured over \$4.6 million in Federal and local grant funds to: (1) provide services to victims of crime; (2) enhance visitation and safe exchange for families in situations involving domestic violence; (3) expedite permanent placement of children as required by ASFA legislation; (4) improve the exchange of information sharing between local criminal justice agencies; and (5) provide employment opportunities for non-custodial parents with child support orders reentering the community. The Courts currently receive funds through 19 active grants secured from various Federal and local sources. Of these, 7 grants, totaling \$1,234,000 are scheduled to expire the end of FY 2010. Table 1 lists the Courts' grants and reimbursement funding for Fiscal Years 2010 and projected through 2012, while Table 2 lists grants scheduled to expire at the end of FY 2010. A brief description of the Courts' grant-funded projects follows.

**I. FEDERAL GRANTS**

**(a) Abused and Neglected Children**

- ***Court Improvement Program (CIP)***. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

To assess and improve judicial proceedings that handle child abuse and neglect and related foster care and adoption litigation. The Superior Court continues collaboration with District child welfare agencies in examining the effectiveness of current practices and procedures, adequacy of resources, and coordination among key agencies in order to enhance the processing of child abuse and neglect matters in the District of Columbia. With the multiple grants, funds are used to continue to support the CASA led *Preparing Youth for Adulthood* initiative (a mentor/advocacy project designed to focus increased attention on the needs of young people who will emancipate from the child welfare system), collaborate with the child welfare agency and the prosecutor's office to enhance the secure exchange of information sharing between the agencies (e.g., transfer of court reports, electronic filing of complaints), and provide skills building training for advocates and the legal community.

**(b) Crime Victims**

- ***Crime Victims Compensation Program (Claims)***. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime.

To provide funds from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund for District of Columbia victim compensation payments to eligible crime victims.

## II. D.C. FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS

For each of the grants listed in this section, the District of Columbia Courts are a sub-grantee of the District of Columbia.

### (a) Victims of Domestic Violence

- ***Supervised Child Visitation Center.*** Office of the Attorney General (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Access and Visitation Grant).

To support the Court's supervised visitation center through a grant from the Health and Human Services agency. The Center serves as a safe, neutral location in which non-custodial parents in domestic violence cases may visit their children.

- ***Domestic Violence Project.*** D.C. Office of Victim Services on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, STOP Grant Program.

To enhance the safety and improve services of domestic violence victims residing in Wards 7 and 8. Grant funds are used to support operations at the Southeast Domestic Violence Center and support domestic violence and sexual assault training for judicial officers and staff in the Domestic Violence Unit and Family Court.

- ***Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program.*** D.C. Office of Victim Services on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Safe Havens' Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program.

To enhance the provision of visitation and safe exchange services for families in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. Grant funds are used for program planning and enhancements, ensuring compliance with federal guidelines.

### (b) Fathering Court Initiative

- ***Fathering Reentry Court.*** D.C. Office of Justice Grants Administration on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI).

To establish a court-supervised, sanctions-based, comprehensive program for non-custodial fathers returning to the District of Columbia who are the subject of active child support cases. In conjunction with public and private partners, the focus of the Fathering Reentry Court is to reduce recidivism by giving offenders returning to the community the support and skills needed to successfully reenter the workforce; increase the number of fathers contributing to the financial and emotional well-being of their children as measured by compliance with outstanding child support orders;

increase their contact with their children; and improve co-parenting relationships with the mothers of their children. Grant funds are used to hire a Program Manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of the program and case management services to ensure participants' compliance with treatment plans.

- ***Employment Services of the District of Columbia's Fathering Court.*** D.C. Office of Justice Grants Administration on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

To assist ex-offenders non-custodial fathers re-entering society to achieve financial responsibility in order to meet their financial obligations, including paying court-ordered child support. Grant funds are used to hire an employment services firm to assess and place program participants in sustainable employment.

- ***Fathering Reentry Court.*** D.C. Office of Justice Grants Administration on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Program.

To continue program operations of the court-supervised, sanctions-based, comprehensive program for non-custodial fathers returning to the District of Columbia who are the subject of active child support cases. Grants funds are used to support the Program Manager responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program and the employment services firm to assess and place program participants in sustainable employment.

(c) **Information Technology**

- ***Electronic Case Initiation – DCSC Technology Enhancement Project.*** D.C. Justice Grants Administration on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

To enhance existing criminal and juvenile arrest data electronic interface to include defendant charge information from the two prosecuting agencies responsible for legal case initiation in the District of Columbia.

Table 1  
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS**  
**Amounts Available for Obligation: Grants and Reimbursements**  
(\$ in thousands)

Grant or Reimbursement	Source	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Estimate	FY 2012 Estimate
<b>I. FEDERAL GRANTS:</b>				
<b>Abused and Neglected Children</b>				
Court Improvement Program	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	385*	285	285
<b>Crime Victims</b>				
Crime Victims Compensation Payments	U.S. Department of Justice	3,432	3,200	3,000
<i>Subtotal, Federal Grants</i>		<i>3,817</i>	<i>3,485</i>	<i>3,285</i>
<b>II. D.C. FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS:</b>				
<b>Domestic Violence</b>				
Supervised Child Visitation Center	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	111	111	111
Domestic Violence Project	U.S. DOJ VAWA STOP Grants	34	33	32
Safe Havens Program	U.S. OVW	25	258	
<b>Fathering Court Initiative</b>				
Fathering Reentry Court	U.S. DOJ Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI) and Justice Assistance Grant Program	211	80	--
Employment Services of the District of Columbia's Fathering Court	U.S. DOJ JAG Program	--	--	--
<b>DCSC Technology Enhancement Project</b>				
Electronic Case Initiation	U.S. DOJ Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	300	--	--
<i>Subtotal, D.C. Federal Block Grants</i>		<i>858</i>	<i>482</i>	<i>143</i>
<b>GRANTS TOTAL</b>		<b>4,675</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>3,428</b>
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS:</b>				
Child Support Enforcement	D.C. Title IV-D Agency	1,057	1,100	1,100
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	Pretrial Services Agency	64	65	66
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS TOTAL</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>5,796</b>	<b>5,132</b>	<b>4,594</b>

\* Includes residual funds from multi-year awards and/or grant period.

Table 2  
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS**  
**Grants Scheduled To Expire in FY 2010**  
(\$ in thousands)

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Grant Period (Includes Extensions)</b>	<b>Original Grant Award</b>
Domestic Violence Project	U.S. DOJ VAWA STOP Grants	Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2010	34
Court Improvement Program (FY 08 Grants) Note: Includes three grants.	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	Sept. 2008 – Sept. 2010	285
Fathering Reentry Court	U.S. DOJ Prisoner Reentry Initiative	Oct. 2007 – Jan. 2010	450
Employment Services for FRC	U.S. DOJ JAG	Oct. 2007 – Jan. 2009	165
Electronic Case Initiation – DCSC Technology Enhancement Project	U.S. DOJ JAG	Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2010	300
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,234</b>