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Courthouse Security Grants Available to Counties Beginning July 1st

The South Dakota Unified Judicial System has released Security Grant Guidelines and Application documents for counties interested in making courthouse security improvements statewide. The UJS received \$5 million in one-time funding from the 2022 South Dakota Legislature to enhance court security statewide. The UJS has authority to authorize grants totaling \$1.5 million per year beginning July 1, 2022. The grant program is organized into a two-tiered approach with an emphasis on counties that have a court security committee appointed by the Presiding Judge of the circuit in place to support the grant requests. The grants provide a 75% match to approved counties for projects that improve courthouse security for the protection of the public, litigants, witnesses, attorneys and courthouse staff.

Further information about the grant process and application materials can be found on the UJS website under “Resources” and “Court Security Grants.”