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MEMORANDUM

TO: GRANTS AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
FROM: CYNTHIA MUSZYNSKI, ALPENA COUNTY PROSECUTOR
RE: FILLING TEMPORARY GRANT FUNDED EMPLOYEE
DATE: 4/12/22

LOCAL PROSECUTOR SUPPORT GRANT

Pursuant to Public Act 22 of 2025, the Local Prosecutor Support Grant Program was established to support eligible county prosecutor offices to reduce average caseloads per attorney. Eligibility is restricted to the 15 counties with the highest crime rate per 1,000 residents according to the annual crime report published by the Michigan Department of State Police.

As the county with the 12th highest crime rate in the state, Alpena County is eligible to receive \$108,147 in grant awards that can be spent over the next 5 years. This is a new grant for the Prosecutor's Office. It is a reimbursement grant with no matching funds required.

The Prosecutor's Office attended a meeting with the State Treasury Department in charge of grant awards to discuss the application and the possible uses for the funding. The finer details will be ironed out prior to the deadline for filing but the following acceptable expenditures are anticipated requests for this application: increased services through the research database, Lexis Nexis, currently used by the office, paid internships, supplemental salary for additional prosecutor staffing, retention bonuses, expert witness fees, and any additional items such as electronics or subscriptions necessary to accommodate additional prosecutorial staff.

It is important to note that per the statute, any grant funds awarded under this program are designated to supplement current local funding to the county prosecutor office. Grant funds are not to be used to supplant local funds.

The grant application must be completed and submitted by May 29, 2026.