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Supreme Court Awards More Than \$3 Million in Grants to Probation Supervision Programs in Courts Across the State

'Swift & Sure' lowers recidivism, saves money, decreases unemployment

LANSING, MI, October 9, 2017 – The Michigan Supreme Court announced today that it has awarded more than \$3 million to 24 courts statewide to fund the operation of intense probation supervision programs. The Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program targets high-risk felony offenders with a history of probation violations or failures. Compared to individuals on regular probation, Swift and Sure probationers are 36 percent less likely to reoffend after completing the program.

“Through intensive oversight and supervision, individuals in Swift and Sure programs get the specialized and structured help they need to avoid falling back into habits that may have prevented them from succeeding in traditional probation programs,” said State Court Administrator Milton L. Mack, Jr. “I am proud of these courts for their dedication to the program participants, and I am pleased that we are able to provide critical funding for these remarkable programs that are truly strengthening communities and saving lives around the state.”

Key facts about Swift and Sure programs in Michigan:

- 24 circuit courts, covering 27 counties, up from 4 courts in 2012
- More than 1,000 current probationers
- Among graduates, 67 percent were unemployed at admission – and only 14 percent were unemployed at discharge.
- The cost per probationer is declining steadily.

Click [here](#) for a list of courts that received grants. The process of awarding the grants is highly competitive and funding is limited. Click [here](#) for more information about the grant programs.

Swift and Sure program performance is tracked by the Supreme Court as part of a broader performance measures initiative to monitor court performance statewide. Data collected is used to identify and share best practices and to target areas that need improvement. More information is available [here](#).

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