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SJI Board Approves Grants for Third Quarter

The SJI Board of Directors met in Alexandria, Virginia, on May 10-11, 2007, to review applications for the third quarter of fiscal year 2007. Four Project grants were approved with approval pending for a fifth one. Three Partner grants have been approved pending finalization of the required partnerships, in addition to four Technical Assistance (TA) and two Curriculum Adaptation & Training (CAT) grants, for a total of \$394,665. The pending Partner grants will add considerably to this total. **Plan to get those applications to SJI by August 1, 2007. They will be considered at the Board meeting in September.**

Included in the Project grants for immediate funding are projects to support the National Judicial Conference on Self-represented Litigation, to be held in November 2007 at Harvard Law School, and funding to establish and support In-State Annual Court Media Programs.

Four TA applications were approved by the Board. These will support two strategic planning projects, one in the Northern Mariana Islands and the other in

Spokane County, Washington. Another TA award will be going to the National Center for State Courts to support the development of Performance Measures for the Teen Courts operating in Colorado. The final TA funded this quarter will support a compensation study for the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas in Ohio.

The two approved CAT grants will support training programs for the Georgia Council of Court Administrators and the 20th Judicial Circuit, Ottawa County Probate Court in Michigan. Both of these programs are based on the National Association for Court Management's (NACM) Core Competency Curriculum Guidelines.

There are Partnership grants being developed now, and while the total funding for these grants has not yet been determined, it will be reported as the budgets are finalized. SJI is very pleased that the grant applications are coming in on a regular basis. We are continuing to address court issues to a greater extent than before.e-SJI

Meet the Institute Staff



Jonathan Mattiello
Deputy Director

Jonathan Mattiello joined SJI in April after working for the Department of Justice (DOJ) for six years, the first four with the Drug Enforcement Administration. His experience and expertise in the public sector include budget development and execution, navigation through the federal appropriations process, program oversight, and policy and initiative development. During his tenure at DOJ, Jonathan also spent a year as a detailee on the House Appropriations Committee. He is really looking forward to his new role and the future of SJI.

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Matching Funds To Date

The Congressional mandate requiring matching funds for most grant programs was initiated in fiscal year 2006. During the first fiscal year, matching funds totaled \$3,071,337. Matching funds for fiscal year 2007 currently stand at \$1,834,202. However, this does not include Partner grants anticipated for fiscal year 2007; which will increase total matching funds.e-SJI

Federal,
State, Local, &
Private
Matching Funds Committed
Since Incorporation of the
\$ for \$ Match
\$4,905,539



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**NEXT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FOR BOARD
CONSIDERATION NO LATER THAN**

AUGUST 1, 2007

THE MISSING LEADER



SJI is sad to report that Executive Director Kevin Linskey left us at the end of March. He always said he would stay two years and nothing we said could make him change his mind! It was a pleasure to have him here and we all will miss him. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

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