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U.S. Attorney's Office Announces More than \$1.1 Million Awarded to Specialized Court Dockets in Summit County

AKRON, OHIO – The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio announced today that the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has awarded \$1,175,000 in grant funding to support the Summit County Valor Court and Hope Court initiatives.

The Summit County Valor Court was awarded \$625,000. The Valor Court was established due to the recognition that many veterans return to civilian life with serious trauma, both physical and mental, which may lead to their involvement with the criminal justice system. This specialized docket gives veterans access to programs, treatment and interaction with mentors in an initiative to enhance chances of success.

The Summit County Hope Court was awarded \$550,000. The Hope Court (Healing, Opportunity, Progress & Empowerment) is the first felony specialized court for individuals who have been diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental health illness in Summit County. As a certified specialized docket with the Ohio Supreme Court, HOPE Court aims to improve life stability, reduce criminal recidivism, increase compliance with court orders and more.

Learn more about these specialty courts [here](#).

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The Office of Justice Programs provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, advance racial equity in the administration of justice, assist victims and enhance the rule of law. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.