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Domestic Violence Grant Awarded to Tucson City Court

Tucson City Court was awarded a new three year Justice for Families Grant in the amount of \$549,000 from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women.

The grant will continue to support the specialized Domestic Violence Court calendar which has provided victims of Domestic Violence access to Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse advocates and services for over 4,000 victims of domestic violence, and more accountability and supervision for domestic violence offenders.

The grant will continue the Court's efforts to provide more access to advocates and services for Deaf victims of domestic violence, and offer outreach and education about domestic violence to Tucson's Deaf community. A new facet of the grant focuses on helping victims of domestic violence access mental health resources, and the Court will be partnering with COPE Community Services.

In implementing this grant, the Court will partner with the Tucson City Prosecutors Office, the City of Tucson's Public Defender's Office, the Tucson Police Department, Pima County Adult Probation, Emerge! Center against Domestic Abuse, COPE Community Services, and Community Outreach Program for the Deaf in an effort to address the issue of domestic violence in our city as coordinated community response.

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