

**MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**October 20, 2011**

**Mansfield Municipal Court is pleased to announce acceptance of a grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health for \$100,000.00 to fund Veteran's Court. Please see announcement attached for further details.**

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The Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) is pleased to partner with the Mansfield Municipal Court in assisting people who have served in the military and unfortunately become involved in the criminal justice system. This Project VETS Intervention Program (PVIP) will be an expansion of our initial project with the Hamilton County Pre-trial services that began through a federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) grant awarded in 2009. Expectations of the grant include statewide dissemination of "lessons learned" and development of additional pilot sites. Mansfield Municipal Court was identified as a great second pilot site based on Judge Jerry Ault's long history of being a state-wide leader in specialized dockets and his support for alternatives to jail/prison. As part of our ongoing collaboration, ODMH intends to provide \$100,000 for each of the next three years from the SAMHSA grant it was awarded. Funds will be used for specialized personnel, treatment and evaluation of the project.