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**The America 250-Ohio Commission Awards Grant to the Summit County  
Court of Common Pleas, General Division for  
Programming Commemorating America's 250th Anniversary**

**Akron Bar Foundation Awards a grant to help creatively update Summit County's Jury Room**

Akron, Ohio (July 16, 2024) – In the lead up to America's 250th anniversary, Judge Alison McCarty, Administrative Judge of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division announced today that the court received two grants: one from the [America 250-Ohio Commission](#) for the creation of a unique piece of art and community outreach project, which will involve local schools and highlight the importance of jury duty as we celebrate our country's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and another from the Akron Bar Foundation, which will help fund much needed upgrades to the court's jury room.

"This grant will help us to reach out to Summit County schools and engage with young people as we educate them on the importance of jury service. It will also support the creation of a unique mural celebrating jury duty which will be inspired by the suggestions we receive from local students," said McCarty.

Presiding Judge Susan Baker Ross, whose duties encompass the jury selection process, stated, "we are very excited to make our jury room a more tech-friendly and attractive waiting area. Our prospective jurors deserve no less."

"The America 250-Ohio Commission congratulates the Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division Judges on this grant award. Their efforts in educating the public and honoring Ohio's illustrious history are deeply appreciated," said Doug Preece, co-chair of the America 250-Ohio Commission. "As we near America's 250th anniversary, these projects will play an essential role in elevating our state's history and bolstering our communities' efforts to execute impactful initiatives during such a monumental celebration."

The Court was one of the 61 recipients chosen from the more than 170 statewide applications during the grant program's spring 2024 funding cycle. In total, America 250-Ohio, awarded approximately \$600,000 in grants to communities and organizations across Ohio as part of the commission's second funding cycle. Combined with the approximately \$400,000 in grants awarded in January 2024, the America 250-Ohio Commission grants program has worked with [Ohio Humanities](#) to distribute \$1 million in grants to 84 organizations across the state.

The Akron Bar Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Akron Bar Association. More info about the mission of the Akron Bar Foundation can be found at [www.akronbar.org](http://www.akronbar.org).

For more information on the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, visit the Court's website at [www.summitcpccourt.net](http://www.summitcpccourt.net).