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BOARD MEETING DATE: July 25, 2017

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Risk Mgt	<u>DE</u>
HR	<u>N/A</u>
Other	<u>GE</u>

DATE: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James Popovich, Specialty Courts Manager, Second Judicial District Court
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THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

SUBJECT: Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of [\$915,430.00] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

SUMMARY

The Second Judicial District Court has been awarded \$915,430 in grant funding to support existing and newly-funded Specialty Court programs. This award will be used to help fund the Adult Drug, Diversion, Veterans, Felony DUI, Family Drug, Family Mental Health, and Mental Health Courts. The costs to the Court associated with serving these populations include substance abuse and mental health treatment, drug testing, operational expenses, salaries and benefits for District Court's Specialty Court staff, bus passes, and incentives.

The reason for requesting acknowledgement of this grant award, retroactively, is due to the Court waiting to receive notice of the award.

County Priority supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board of County Commissioners previously acknowledged a grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$1,163,448 (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

This grant award for fiscal year 2018 is made available through the 2003 passage of Assembly Bill 29 (NRS 176.0613), which also established the State of Nevada Specialty Court Funding Committee that same year. Since that time, the Committee has overseen the application process, set standards for funding criteria, and made recommendations to the Statewide Judicial Council for the distribution of funds. The Second Judicial District Court has received grant funding each year through the AB29 appropriation for Adult Drug, Diversion, Family Drug, Family Mental Health, Felony DUI, Mental Health, and Veterans Courts.

A requirement of any Court receiving AOC funds is that they comply with best practices and specific criteria outlined in *Nevada Specialty Court Funding Guidelines and Criteria*, as established by the Specialty Court Funding Committee and approved by the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Second Judicial District Court's Specialty Courts.

Scope of the Project: The Second Judicial District Court will contract with community providers for substance abuse and mental health treatment and drug testing as well as pay for costs associated with operational expenses, salaries and benefits for District Court's Specialty Court staff, bus passes, and incentives.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The goal of Specialty Courts is to assist the substance abusing and mentally ill defendants in becoming productive members of society, through abstaining from any further illicit drug use, managing their mental health, and preventing recidivism.

On-Going Program Support: These funds are made available through the Administrative Office of the Courts and will support the Second Judicial District Court's needs in providing professional services for its Specialty Courts and to maintain compliance with the funding criteria and drug court best practices. These programs rely on annual grant funding from the AOC.

Award Amount: \$915,430

Grant Period: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Funding Source: State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts – Assembly Bill 29 (NRS 176.0613) funding.

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Second Judicial District Court will contract with Bristlecone Family Resources (Adult Drug and Family Drug Courts) for substance abuse counseling services, in the amount of \$445,732 and \$60,181, respectively, Step2 (Family Drug Court) for substance abuse counseling services, in the amount of \$60,181, Tru Vista Foundation (Family Drug Court) for case management services, in the amount of \$20,000, and Rocky Mountain Offender Management Systems (Adult Drug, Diversion, Family Mental Health, and Felony DUI Courts) for drug testing services, in the amount of \$279,225.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board acknowledge this grant award, the adopted budget will not need to be amended as the grant was anticipated and accounted for in the current approved budget. All revenues and expenditures were accounted for in internal order numbers 20340, 20306, 20217, 20219, and 20215. The awarded amount to each internal order is as follows:

20340 – Veterans Court - \$81,975
20217 – Family Drug Court - \$69,346
20219 – Mental Health Court - \$17,391
20215 – Adult Drug Court - \$670,657
20306 – Felony DUI Court - \$76,061

This grant requires no match and has no indirect costs. The grant award is received in four quarterly installments during the fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$915,430 (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$915,430 (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.