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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** June 23, 2020

**DATE:** Tuesday May 19, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Sarah Thompson, Specialty Courts Coordinator, Second Judicial District Court (775) 328-3839, [sarah.thompson@washoecourts.us](mailto:sarah.thompson@washoecourts.us)

**THROUGH:** Jackie Bryant, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to acknowledge the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of [\$907,378.40] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. District Court. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

The Second Judicial District Court has been awarded \$907,378.40 in grant funding to support existing Specialty Court programs. This award will be used to help fund the Adult Drug, Diversion, Veterans, Felony DUI, Family Treatment, Mental Health, Medication-Assisted Treatment, Youth Offender Diversion, and Prison Reentry Courts. The costs to the Court associated with serving these populations include substance use and mental health counseling, drug testing, operational expenses, salaries and benefits for District Court's Specialty Court staff, bus passes, and incentives.

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board of County Commissioners previously acknowledged two grant awards from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The first grant was in the amount of \$807,553 (no match required). The second grant was in the amount of \$231,336 (no match required). The two grants were retroactively acknowledged at the August 27, 2019 BCC meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND**

This grant award for fiscal year 2020 is made available through two sources. The first source was 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 Treatment, Felony DUI, Mental Health, and Veterans Courts.

The second source of grant funding was made available through the 78<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Nevada Legislature. State general fund appropriations of three million dollars each year of each biennium were provided to enhance specialty court programs statewide. The Second Judicial District Court has received grant funding the past three years through the State general fund dollars for Medication-Assisted Treatment and Youth Offender Diversion Courts and for FY20 has additionally received grant funding for Prison Reentry Court.

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.

Roughly a year ago, the Second Judicial District Court partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services to work on a recidivism project for our specialty courts. Every discharged case, whether it was successful or not, was cross referenced with the state's central repository, while identifying new arrests. The results were very positive, demonstrating that our recidivism outcomes are aligned with national averages, which state that 75% of graduates remain arrest free at least three years after completing their programs.

A separate study was completed with the assistance of the Nevada Department of Corrections for Prison Reentry Court in 2017. The results were positive, showing that 92% of graduates for the preceding four years had not returned to prison.

**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 use 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. Salaries and benefits for Specialty Courts staff are not fully paid for by County general fund dollars.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The goal of Specialty Courts is to assist those misusing substances and struggling with mental illness become 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, funding for Court staff, 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:** \$907,378.40

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

**Funding Source:** State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts – Assembly Bill 29 (NRS 176.0613) funding and State general fund dollars

**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 treatment and housing providers in Washoe County. Contracts for services are expected to be executed by June 30, 2020.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board acknowledge this grant award, the adopted budget will not change as grant funds were anticipated and accounted for in the FY21 budget. The award will be allocated as follows:

	20215	20217	20219	20306	20340	20418	20419	20469
<b>Revenue</b>								
<b>471220</b>	\$ 466,416.00	\$ 55,476.80	\$ 13,912.80	\$ 44,656.80	\$ 65,580.00	\$ 160,345.00	\$ 50,991.00	\$ 50,000.00
<b>Expenses</b>								
<b>710100</b>	\$ 461,416.00	\$ 50,476.80	\$ 8,912.80	\$ 39,656.80	\$ 60,580.00	\$ 155,345.00	\$ 45,991.00	\$ 45,000.00
<b>710300</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
<b>710500</b>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend acknowledging the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$907,378.40 (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Move to acknowledge the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$907,378.40 (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.