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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2019

**DATE:** April 30, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Jacqueline Bryant, Administrator/Clerk of Court, Second Judicial District Court (775) 328-3199, [Jackie.bryant@washoecourts.us](mailto:Jackie.bryant@washoecourts.us)

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to acknowledge a grant award of [\$500,000, no County match required], awarded to the Second Judicial District Court from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, to build INSPIRES, retroactive April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 for the Second Judicial District Court, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. District Court. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

The Second Judicial District Court ("Court") has been awarded \$500,000 from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, to build INSPIRES<sup>1</sup>, a juvenile justice data sharing and predictive analytics program, with IBM. Grant funds will be used to pay IBM the time and materials costs of building the INSPIRES system and the service fees for use for one year.

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

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

None.

### **BACKGROUND**

In September 2017, the Court began discussing with IBM the possibility of using its "super computer," Watson, to improve data collection, organization, and presentation for

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<sup>1</sup> INSPIRES: Integrating Nevada, Supporting Partnerships, Improving Results, Effectuating Successes

the stakeholders in the delinquency and dependency proceedings, and to identify predictive analytics for these cases. Since then, the various stakeholders including the Washoe County Manager's Office, Human Services Agency, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, Washoe County Public Defender's Office, Washoe County Alternate Public Defender's Office, and the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center, the Nevada Department of Education, and the Nevada Administrative Office of the Courts, have met collectively and individually with IBM to develop the attached Scope of Work.

Judges, social workers, probation officers, and teachers are on the front lines of a joint effort to save at risk children. All of us need to be able to identify the right service, for the right child, at the right time. We cannot currently gather, collate, or assess data at the speed of the children's needs. The data for each child is held in different data bases with no central hub for joint access.

To be sure, INSPIRES will save money through timely assessment and by avoiding duplication of services. But much, much, much more importantly we will be able to, literally, to save lives. Armed with INSPIRES, we can quickly and dynamically identify gaps, react to urgent and emergent needs in real time, and coordinate services to meet needs in unprecedented ways. Further, we can forecast trends, like teen suicide, school failure, and vulnerability to sex trafficking, before they happen to try to manage problems in advance. This is an incredibly powerful, life changing prospect for Washoe County's children and families.

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### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

#### **Project/Program Name: INSPIRES**

**Scope of the Project:** The Second Judicial District Court, along with the relevant stakeholders, will work with IBM to build the INSPIRES system for 120 days, beginning May 28<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have a functioning product in place by September 30, 2019. These grant funds are one-time and not reoccurring.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** By aggregating data into one hub, the users will be able to more quickly assess the needs of a child and family and identify resources best suited for the child and family.

#### **On-Going Program Support: N/A**

**Award Amount:** \$500,000

**Grant Period:** April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019

**Funding Source:** State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services

**Pass Through Entity:** N/A

**CFDA Number:** N/A

**Grant ID Number:** N/A

**Match Amount and Type:** N/A

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** Scope of Work Attached

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board acknowledge this grant award, the adopted budget will be increased by \$500,000 in both revenues and expenditures. The accounts impacted are as follows:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO# 19093	432100	\$500,000
IO# 19093	781009	\$500,000

In order to leverage one-time grant funding from the State of Nevada, the District Court has requested and identified additional funding from Juvenile Services (\$100,000-restricted funds) and Washoe County (\$100,000-Contingency) to bring total project support to \$700,000. Any other items related to the grant and/or additional funding, including those that will support annual software maintenance expenses, will be submitted to the BCC separately from this staff report as necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Washoe County Board of Commissioners acknowledge a grant award of [\$500,000, no County match required], awarded to the Second Judicial District Court from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, retroactive April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 for the Second Judicial District Court, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.).

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the Second Judicial District Court's recommendation, a possible motion would be: Recommend to acknowledge a grant award of [\$500,000, no County match required], awarded to the Second Judicial District Court from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, retroactive April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 for the Second Judicial District Court, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.).