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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: September 25, 2018

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TO: Board of County Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Acknowledge a DUI Specialty Court grant award from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN) to the Reno Justice Court [\$25,000.00/ no match required], retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

In April 2018, Reno Justice Court applied to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for funding from NRS 176.0613 (AB29) to support a specialty court for DUI defendants. On June 12, 2018, Reno Justice Court received notification that the sum of \$25,000.00 had been approved for FY19 with the quarterly distribution of \$6,250.00 occurring on July 2018, October 2018, January 2019 and April 2019. The grant is being accepted retroactively, as funding was awarded and received at the beginning of FY 2018-19.

Washoe County's Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 8, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledged a grant award from the JCSN in the amount of \$22,500.00 to support Reno Justice Court's DUI Specialty Court for 2nd time DUI offenders.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

In April 2016, Reno Justice Court applied to the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN) for a State General Fund allocation to support the creation of a DUI Specialty Court. The DUI Specialty Court was created to target 2nd time DUI offenders. The grant request was conditionally approved in June 2016 and the conditions of the approval were satisfied, as prescribed, by January 1, 2017. No match is required to receive funding.

The objective of the DUI Court is to help criminal defendants overcome their alcohol dependency, gain and maintain sobriety and live clean, healthy lives. The changes in individual's behaviors and lifestyles will result in reducing recidivism, while reducing the threat of individuals driving under the influence and/or driving while impaired in Washoe County. The DUI Court will improve public safety by educating drivers on the dangers of driving under the influence and/or driving while impaired of our highways.

The DUI Specialty Court will follow the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Adult DUI Court Best Practices and Standards. DUI Court participants will include defendants charged with their second DUI offense or first time offenders with >0.18 blood alcohol content or that cause property damage. The DUI Court is designed to serve 100 participants.

Defendants will be monitored by the Department of Alternative Sentencing (DAS) and will also utilize Sober24 for daily testing. In addition to Sober24, the Court may use best practices for this population such as ignition interlock, GPS, TAD and SCRAM devices to monitor the location and alcohol consumption of program participants.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: DUI Specialty Court

Scope of the Project: Establish a DUI Specialty Court that will follow the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Adult DUI Court Best Practices and Standards.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The DUI Specialty Court program will help criminal defendants overcome their alcohol dependency, gain and maintain sobriety, and live clean, healthy lives. The changes in individual's behaviors and lifestyles will result in reducing recidivism, while reducing the threat of individuals driving under the influence and/or driving while impaired in Washoe County

On-Going Program Support: On-going support of this program will be partially funded through program fees paid by participants. Reno Justice Court will continue to apply for additional grant funds from the JCSN on an annual basis.

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Funding Source: NV. Administrative Office of the Courts

Pass through From: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: No match required

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Procurements will be processed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, and County Grants Management Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY19 adopted budget will be increased by \$25,500.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
IO # 11404	432100 – State Grant	\$25,000.00
Expenditures:		
IO # 11404	710100 – Professional Services	\$14,750.00
IO # 11404	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$2,450.00
IO # 11404	710500 – Other Expenses	\$7,800.00

No match is required to accept this grant award.

The above budget does not include associated staffing impacts to the Alternative Sentencing, District Attorney or Public Defense functions to cover and support this additional specialty court.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge a DUI Specialty Court grant award from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN) and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), to support a DUI Specialty Court, [\$25,000.00/ no match required], retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to acknowledge a grant award from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN) to the Reno Justice Court [\$25,000.00/ no match required] retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments."