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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 9, 2019

DATE: Tuesday, July 02, 2019
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Cynda Horning, Assistant Court Administrator, Sparks Justice Court
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THROUGH: Kevin Higgins, Chief Justice of the Peace
SUBJECT: Recommendation to acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY20, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2019, grant end date June 30, 2020; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

Sparks Justice Court applied to the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN) to receive funding to continue operation of a specialty court, pursuant to NRS 176.0613, for misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses. On June 03, 2019, the Sparks Justice Court received notification that the sum of \$31,550 had been approved for FY20; to be disbursed quarterly.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

Previously, the Board of County Commissioners approved a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN) to the Sparks Justice Court for FY19 in the amount of \$35,050; FY18 in the amount of \$35,050 and FY17 in the amount of \$45,050.

BACKGROUND

There had been a need in the Sparks Township for a specialty court to provide access for participants to a therapeutic drug and alcohol treatment program for drug and alcohol-related offenses for many years. In January 2013, Sparks Justice Court relocated to a new facility able to support the needs of a Specialty Court.

In September 2015, Sparks Justice Court submitted an application for funding to the JCSN. On October 29, 2015, Sparks Justice Court was approved for a general fund allocation to serve up to 50 participants. The Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

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awarded Sparks Justice Court \$45,050 in both FY16 and FY17, as well as, \$35,050 in FY18 and FY19 to provide services for up to 25 participants in the program.

The Judicial Council of the State of Nevada has awarded Sparks Justice Court \$31,550 to continue to provide services for up to 25 participants in the program during FY20.

The award is being accepted retroactively to July 1, 2019, as the item needed to be heard in the new fiscal year.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Sparks Recovery Court

Scope of the Project: The scope of this project is to provide offenders who have a drug and/or alcohol addiction, access to a therapeutic drug and alcohol treatment program with ongoing monitoring and supervision. The program will provide participants with the foundation to live a drug and alcohol-free life.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The Sparks Recovery Court will provide a path for offenders to gain sobriety and/or independence from drug use and become a productive member of society, thereby reducing the recidivism rate.

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

Award Amount: \$31,550

Grant Period: July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Funding Source: Supreme Court, AOC, FY20 General Fund for Specialty Courts

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Contracts awarded to licensed providers for professional services will follow Washoe County grant procurement policy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY20 budget will be increased by \$31,550 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
IO 20416	471220 – Court Admin Assess.	\$31,550
Expenditures:		
IO 20416	701130 – Pooled Positions	\$ 7,887.50
IO 20416	710100 – Professional Services	\$ 7,000.00
IO 20416	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$ 11,000
IO 20416	710500 – Other Expenses	\$ 5,662.50

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY20, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2019, grant end date June 30, 2020; 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 that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY20, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2019, grant end date June 30, 2020; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments.*