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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 22, 2024

DATE: September 26, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Acknowledge Specialty Court General Fund Allocations from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Reno Justice Court for DUI Court in the amount of [\$20,250.00 for FY24, no match required; including up to \$5,000.00 for participant incentives-including gift cards]. The program focuses on 2nd DUI Convictions. Allocation will be paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Reno Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

In December 2023, Reno Justice Court applied to the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JSCN) to receive funding to continue to operate the Court's DUI Court Program. On June 24, 2024, Reno Justice Court received notification that the sum of \$20,250.00 had been approved for FY25 with the first two quarterly distributions of \$5,062.50 occurring in July 2024 and October 2024. The remaining installments will be distributed in January 2025, and April 2025. The grant is being accepted retroactively, as funding was received shortly after notification of the award.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 13, 2022, Board of County Commissioners acknowledged a DUI Specialty Court grant award from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Reno Justice Court in the amount of \$20,250.00.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

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. 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 35 participants.

Participants 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- DUI Court

Project/Program Name: DUI 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 JSCN on an annual basis.

Award Amount: \$20,250.00

Grant Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Funding Source: Judicial Council of the State of Nevada,
Administrative Office of the Courts

Pass through From: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board acknowledge this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY25 budget will be increased by \$20,250.00 for DUI Court IO 12045 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
IO 12045	432100 – State Grants.	\$ 20,250.00
Expenditures:		
IO 12045	710100 – Professional Services	\$ 11,488.00
IO 12045	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$ 250.00
IO 12045	710313 – Gift Cards/Incentives	\$2,500.00
IO 12045	710500 – Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
IO 12045	711210 – Travel	\$512.00
IO 12045	711212 – Meals and Lodging	\$500.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners Acknowledge Specialty Court General Fund Allocations from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Reno Justice Court for DUI Court in the amount of [\$20,250.00 for FY24, no match required; including up to \$2,500 for participant incentives- including gift cards], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to Acknowledge Specialty Court General Fund Allocations from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Reno Justice Court for DUI Court in the amount of [\$20,250.00 for FY25, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments..”