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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 16, 2022

DATE: Wednesday, July 20, 2022
TO: Board of County Commissioners
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THROUGH: Alicia Lerud, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

SUBJECT: Recommendation to retroactively acknowledge the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of [\$1,068,889] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. District Court (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Second Judicial District Court has been awarded \$1,068,889 in state 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, 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 a grant award 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, 2021, through June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$1,068,889 (no match required). The grant was acknowledged at the August 17, 2021, BCC meeting.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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, 2020, through June 30, 2021. The first grant was in the amount of \$646,040 (no match required). The second grant was in the amount of \$261,336 (no match required). The two grants were acknowledged at the June 23, 2020, BCC meeting.

BACKGROUND

This grant award for fiscal year 2023 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. Since that time, the Committee has overseen the grant 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 78th and 79th 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 Prison Reentry Courts.

All courts receiving AOC funds must 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.

For approximately three years, the Second Judicial District Court partnered with the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to study the recidivism rates of Specialty Court participants. Every discharged case, whether successful or not, was cross referenced with the state's central repository and new arrests were identified. The results were very positive, demonstrating the Second Judicial District Court recidivism outcomes are aligned with national averages, where 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 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: \$1,068,889

Grant Period: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023

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 retroactively executed to July 1, 2022.

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 FY23 adopted budget. The award will be allocated as follows:

	Adult Drug Court	Family Treatment Court	Mental Health Court	Felony DUI Court	Veterans Treatment Court	Medicated-Assisted Treatment Court	Prison Re-entry Court	
Internal Order	20215	20217	20219	20306	20340	20418	20469	TOTALS
Revenue								
471220	\$583,020	\$69,346	\$17,391	\$55,821	\$81,975	\$211,336	\$50,000	\$1,068,889
Expenses								\$0
710100	\$578,020	\$64,346	\$12,391	\$50,821	\$76,975	\$201,336	\$45,000	\$1,028,889
710300		\$2,500		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$15,000
710500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$5,000		\$2,500	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$25,000

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 to retroactively acknowledge the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$1,068,889 (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to retroactively acknowledge the grant award from the State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$1,068,889 (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.