



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 28, 2018

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**DATE:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Nicole Houk, Specialty Court Coordinator, Sparks Justice Court  
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**THROUGH:** Kevin Higgins, Chief Justice of the Peace

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$35,050 for FY19, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2018, grant end date June 30, 2019; 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 (JSCN) to receive funding to continue operation of a specialty court, pursuant to NRS 176.0613, for misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses. On June 12, 2018, the Sparks Justice Court received notification that the sum of \$45,050 had been approved for FY19 to be paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2018; the remaining installments will be distributed in October 2018, January 2019 and April 2019. However, on July 11, 2018 the State Court Administrator notified the courts of an error that occurred in the funding awards. On July 12, 2018 it was confirmed that the Court would receive \$35,050. The grant is being accepted retroactively, as notification of the final award amount was confirmed on July 12, 2018.

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 FY18 in the amount of \$35,050 and for FY17 in the amount of \$45,050.

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to NRS 176.059, Sparks Justice Court collects a \$7 Specialty Court Assessment on each fine levied on a misdemeanor matter to fund Specialty Courts in the State of Nevada. There has 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 awarded Sparks Justice Court \$45,050 in both FY16 and FY17 as well as \$35,050 in FY18 to provide services for up to 25 participants in the program.

The Judicial Council of the State of Nevada has awarded Sparks Justice Court \$35,050 to continue to provide services for up to 25 participants in the program.

## **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:** \$35,050

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

**Funding Source:** Supreme Court, AOC, FY18 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 FY19 budget will be increased by \$35,050 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
IO 20416	471220 – Court Admin Assess.	\$35,050
Expenditures:		
IO 20416	701130 – Pooled Positions	\$ 8762.50
IO 20416	710100 – Professional Services	\$ 9000.00
IO 20416	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$ 11,000
IO 20416	710500 – Other Expenses	\$ 6287.50

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$35,050 for FY19, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2018, grant end date 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 that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$35,050 for FY19, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2018, grant end date June 30, 2019; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments.*