



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020

DATE: Wednesday, July 08, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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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 FY21, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2020, grant end date June 30, 2021; 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 the Sparks Recovery Court. On April 21, 2020, the Court received notification that the sum of \$31,550 had been approved for FY21; to be disbursed quarterly.

Washoe County Strategic Objective 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 FY20 in the amount of \$31,550; FY19 in the amount of \$35,050; FY18 in the amount of \$35,050; and FY17 in the amount of \$45,050.

BACKGROUND

For many years, the Sparks Township needed a specialty court to provide access for participants to a therapeutic drug and alcohol treatment program for drug and alcohol-related offenses. In January 2013, Sparks Justice Court relocated to a new facility fully capable of supporting the needs of a Specialty Court.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

In September 2015, Sparks Justice Court applied 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 and FY19 to provide services for up to 25 participants in the program. In FY20, the Court received \$31,550.

The Judicial Council of the State of Nevada has awarded Sparks Justice Court \$31,550 to continue to provide services during FY21.

The award is being approved retroactively to July 1, 2020, 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 funds from the JCSN on an annual basis.

Award Amount: \$31,550

Grant Period: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Funding Source: Supreme Court, AOC, FY21 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: Sparks Justice Court intends to contract with professional service providers as needed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY21 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	\$31,550
Expenditures:		
IO 20416	701130	\$ 7,887
IO 20416	710100	\$ 7,000
IO 20416	710312	\$ 7,800
IO 20416	710300	\$ 786
IO 20416	710500	\$ 3,600
IO 20416	710347	\$ 500
IO 20416	710212	\$ 2,400
IO 20416	710509	\$ 800
IO 20416	711210	\$ 777

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 FY21, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2020, grant end date June 30, 2021; 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 FY21, no match required], paid in quarterly installments from July 1, 2020, grant end date June 30, 2021, and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments.