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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 31, 2020

DATE: Thursday, July 30, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Sarah Thompson, Specialty Courts Coordinator, Second Judicial District Court (775) 328-3839, sarah.thompson@washoecourts.us

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

SUBJECT: Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for behavioral health services between Prison Reentry Court and Center for Behavioral Health, in an amount not to exceed [\$5,000] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court program, effective August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Professional Services Agreement between the Second Judicial District Court (Court) and Center for Behavioral Health, allows the Court to offer medication assisted treatment to participants engaged in the Prison Reentry Court (Reentry). The Reentry Court provides intensive supervision and treatment in an effort to break the cycle of crime associated with drug use. The costs to the Court associated with serving this population include drug testing, case management, and other support services designed to further reduce each participant's involvement in the criminal justice system.

The Court conducted a Request for Proposal (#3135-20) in May 2020 through County Purchasing. After a thorough evaluation of each proposal, the bid from Center for Behavioral Health was selected due to cost, comprehensiveness of services, and experience as a counseling provider. The term of the original Agreement will be for a period of eleven months, which began August 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021, with a provision for two (2) one (1) year extensions from July 1st through June 30th of the respective year, at the discretion of the Court and subject to negotiations and continued funding.

County Priority supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board acknowledged a grant award on June 23, 2020, in the amount of \$907,378.40, awarded to the Second Judicial District Court, which was used, in part, to fund the Reentry Court.

BACKGROUND

The Reentry “Early Release” Program was created by the state Legislature in 1999 by statute NRS 209.4311-209.4317 on the recommendation of Governor Jenny Guinn. Originally, inmates with one prior felony conviction were allowed to participate in the program, making it very difficult to find candidates who qualified. However, an amendment to the law during the 2001 legislative session (AB574) opened the program to inmates with up to four prior non-violent felony convictions, significantly increasing the number of eligible participants. The program was the recipient of a three-year federal grant.

The 78th session of the Nevada Legislature provided a general fund appropriation of three million dollars each year of the biennium to enhance specialty court programs. A condition of this funding is to serve an additional 800-900 participants statewide, each year of the biennium. The Second Judicial District Court was awarded funding for Reentry Court starting November 1, 2015 and continuing annually thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board acknowledge these subawards, payments will be made from the accounts listed below. No budget adjustments or amendments are necessary as the payments were anticipated for and included in the FY21 budget.

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO# 20469	710100	\$5,000

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for behavioral health services between Prison Reentry Court and Center for Behavioral Health, in an amount not to exceed [\$5,000] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (All Commission Districts).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for behavioral health services between Prison Reentry Court and Center for Behavioral Health, in an amount not to exceed [\$5,000] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (All Commission Districts).