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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 27, 2020

**DATE:** Thursday, September 17, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**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 transitional living services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Ridge House in an amount not to exceed \$21,600 and The Empowerment Center in an amount not to exceed \$22,500, for a total not to exceed amount of [\$44,100] (no match required), to support the Specialty Courts programs, effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (all Commission Districts).

### SUMMARY

The Professional Services Agreement between the Second Judicial District Court (Court) and Ridge House and The Empowerment Center, allows the Court to offer comprehensive co-occurring therapy and transitional living to participants engaged in Adult Drug Court. Adult Drug Court provides a formal therapeutic court to address substance use disorders, for participants actively engaged in a treatment program, under the direction of a licensed physician. The costs to the Court associated with serving this population include substance use and mental health disorders counseling, drug testing, case management, and other support services designed to further reduce each participant's involvement in the criminal justice system.

The Court obtained three quotes for services in September 2020. After a thorough evaluation of each proposal, the quotes from Ridge House and The Empowerment Center were 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 9 months, which began October 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021, with a provision for three (3) one (1) year extensions from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Adult Drug Court.

**BACKGROUND**

The Adult Drug Court was established by the Second Judicial District Court in 1995 as a specialty court designed to engage the substance abusing criminal offender in intensive therapeutic and judicial intervention.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Payments for the providers will be paid from the SAMHSA grant. The revenue received from the SAMSHA grant was previously acknowledged by the BCC.

Should the board acknowledge these subawards, payments will be made from the accounts listed below.

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO# 11574	710100	\$44,100

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissions retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for transitional living services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Ridge House in an amount not to exceed \$21,600 and The Empowerment Center in an amount not to exceed \$22,500, for a total not to exceed amount of [\$44,100] (no match required), to support the Specialty Courts programs, effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (all Commission Districts).

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Move to retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for transitional living services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Ridge House in an amount not to exceed \$21,600 and The Empowerment Center in an amount not to exceed \$22,500, for a total not to exceed amount of [\$44,100] (no match required), to support the Specialty Courts programs, effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (all Commission Districts).