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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** November 10, 2020

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreement to support the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model program for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and JOIN, in an amount not to exceed [\$40,000] (no match required), to support the Specialty Courts program, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with a provision for three (3) one year extensions through June 30, 2024. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

The Professional Services Agreement between the Second Judicial District Court (Court) and JOIN, allows the Court to support the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model (RNR) program with participants engaged in the Adult Drug Court (Drug Court). 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 and JOIN will work collaboratively to expand Soft Skills and Employability Training by creating fee for service classes that will function as additional sanction options within Drug Court. JOIN will provide educational resources that offers participants the opportunity to learn employability, life, and personal management skills.

The Professional Services Agreement between the Court and JOIN will be paid for through SAMHSA funds, no match required.

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

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

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

This is the second year of a five-year grant award. The Board of County Commissioners previously acknowledged the grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$369,804 annually, to support Drug Court programs through June 30, 2024. The grant was retroactively acknowledged at the June 11, 2019 BCC meeting.

**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 provider will come from the SAMHSA grant. The grant has been acknowledged previously 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	\$40,000

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreement to support the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model program for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and JOIN, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 (no match required), to support the Specialty Courts program, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with a provision for three (3) one year extensions through June 30, 2024. (All Commission Districts.)

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Move to retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreement to support the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model program for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and JOIN, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 (no match required), to support the Specialty Courts program, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with a provision for three (3) one year extensions through June 30, 2024. (All Commission Districts.)