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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 16, 2022

DATE: Thursday, August 11, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Cynda Horning, Assistant Court Administrator, Sparks Justice Court
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THROUGH: Kevin Higgins, Chief Justice of the Peace

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve and acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY23, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2022, grant end date June 30, 2023; 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 the operation of the Sparks Recovery Court. On June 21, 2022, the Court received notification that the sum of \$31,550 had been approved for FY23; to be disbursed quarterly.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

Economic Impacts and Vulnerable Populations

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 FY22 in the amount of \$31,550; FY21 in the amount of \$31,550; 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-

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related offenses. In January 2013, Sparks Justice Court relocated to a new facility fully capable of supporting the needs of a Specialty Court.

In September 2015, Sparks Justice Court applied for funding from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JCSN). On October 29, 2015, Sparks Justice Court was approved for a general fund allocation to serve up to 50 participants. The JCSN awarded Sparks Justice Court \$45,050 in 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, FY21, and FY22, the Court received \$31,550.

The JCSN has awarded Sparks Justice Court \$31,550 to continue to provide services during FY23.

The award is being approved retroactively to July 1, 2022, due to receiving the award letter in late June and the time needed to prepare this staff report.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Sparks Recovery Court

Scope of the Project: This project's scope is to provide offenders with a drug or alcohol dependency 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 independence from drug use and become productive members of society, thereby reducing recidivism.

On-Going Program Support: Ongoing 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 annually.

Award Amount: \$31,550

Grant Period: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Funding Source: Supreme Court of Nevada, AOC, FY23 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.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted FY23 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-Court Admin Assess	\$31,550
Expenditures:		
IO 20416	701130-Pooled Positions	\$ 7,887
IO 20416	710100- Professional Services	\$ 8,000
IO 20416	710312- Special Dept Expense	\$ 13,000
IO 20416	710300- Operating Supplies	\$ 550
IO 20416	710500- Other Expense	\$ 2,113

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve and acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY23, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2022, grant end date June 30, 2023; 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 approve and acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY23, no match required], paid in quarterly installments from July 1, 2022, grant end date June 30, 2023, and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments.