



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 19, 2025

**DATE:** July 31, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kevin Higgins, Chief Justice of the Peace

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve and acknowledge a Fiscal Year 2026 allocation from the Specialty Court Funding and Policy Committee of the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY26, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2025, grant end date June 30, 2026; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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### **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 July 28, 2025, the Court received notification that \$31,550 had been approved for FY26, 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 JCSN to the Sparks Justice Court for FY25 in the amount of \$31,550; FY24 in the amount of \$31,550; FY23 in the amount of \$31,550; 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**

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

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services for up to 25 participants in the program. In FY20, FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24 and FY25 the Court received \$31,550.

The JCSN has awarded Sparks Justice Court \$31,550 to continue to provide services during FY26.

The award is being approved retroactively to July 1, 2025, due to receiving the award letter on July 28, 2025.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Sparks Recovery Court

**Scope of the Project:** This project's scope is to provide offenders with 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, 2025 - June 30, 2026

**Funding Source:** Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts

**Pass Through Entity:** N/A

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** 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 FY26 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	711210-Travel	\$3,400
IO 20416	710100-Professional Services	\$7,000
IO 20416	710312-Special Dept Exp	\$12,775
IO 20416	710300-Operating Supplies	\$2,000
IO 20416	710872-Food Purchases	\$1,000
IO 20416	710872-Seminars/Meetings	\$1,590
IO 20416	710500-Other Expense	\$3,785

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve and acknowledge a Fiscal Year 2026 allocation from the Specialty Court Funding and Policy Committee of the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY26, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2025, grant end date June 30, 2026; and direct Finance 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 Fiscal Year 2026 allocation from the Specialty Court Funding and Policy Committee of the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$31,550 for FY26, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2025, grant end date June 30, 2026; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments.*