



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 10, 2025

**DATE:** April 30, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Alicia Lerud, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to retroactively acknowledge a grant of \$35,000 [\$15,000 County match required], awarded to the Second Judicial District Court from the Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to enhance the administration of drug and alcohol testing services for the grant period April 30, 2025 to December 31, 2026; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. District Court. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

The Second Judicial District Court (SJDC) has been awarded \$35,000 in state grant funding to enhance the administration of drug and alcohol testing services for our specialty court programs. This award will be used to support the drug testing protocols for the Adult Drug, Veterans, Felony DUI, Youth Offender, Mental Health, Medication-Assisted Treatment, and Prison Reentry Courts.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

No previous Board action.

### **BACKGROUND**

For nearly three decades, the SJDC has been a leader in the development and implementation of specialty court programs. The SJDC has seven specialty court programs, serving more than 800 participants each year. Their mission is to improve the quality of life, reduce recidivism, and increase community safety and awareness by engaging the drug and alcohol abusing defendant, or the defendant with a mental health illness, in an intensive, court supervised, treatment program. Drug and alcohol testing is a key component of the specialty court programs; it provides readily available and objective information to the treatment team regarding a participant's progress in the program. The testing process, coupled with immediate program responses, forces defendants to address their substance abuse problems immediately and continuously, which prevents relapse, overdose, and continued substance use.

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

All courts receiving AOC funds must comply with best practices and specific criteria outlined in Nevada Specialty Court Funding Guidelines and Criteria, as established by the Specialty Court Funding Committee and approved by the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada. As such, every specialty court client is required to participate in weekly random drug and alcohol testing.

Award was taken to next available BCC meeting upon notifications.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *Second Judicial District Court AOC Drug & Alcohol Testing*

**Scope of the Project:** *SJDC will contract with community providers for drug and alcohol testing aligned with nationally accepted best practices.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *The mission of the SJDC's specialty court program is to improve quality of life, reduce recidivism, and increase community safety and awareness by engaging the drug and alcohol abusing defendant, or the defendant with mental health illness, in an intensive, court supervised, treatment programs.*

**On-Going Program Support:** *N/A.*

**Award Amount:** *\$35,000*

**Grant Period:** *April 30, 2025 – December 31, 2026*

**Funding Source:** *State of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts*

**Pass Through Entity:** *Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts*

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** *N/A*

**Grant ID Number:**

**Match Amount and Type:** *\$15,000*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *Funds will be used to cover drug and alcohol testing within Washoe County Purchasing Guidelines.*

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY25 Second Judicial District Court adopted budget will be increased by \$35,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO 12524– SJDC AOC Drug & Alcohol Testing	State Grant Revenue - 432100	\$35,000

IO 12524 – SJDC AOC Drug & Alcohol Testing	Professional Services - 710100	\$35,000
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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge a grant of \$35,000 [\$15,000 County match required], awarded to the Second Judicial District Court from the Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to enhance the administration of drug and alcohol testing services for the grant period April 30, 2025 to December 31, 2026; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. District Court

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to retroactively acknowledge a grant of \$35,000 [\$15,000 County match required], awarded to the Second Judicial District Court from the Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts to enhance the administration of drug and alcohol testing services for the grant period April 30, 2025 to December 31, 2026; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.