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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: December 8, 2015

DATE: November 18, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Janine Baker, Court Administrator, Sparks Justice Court
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THROUGH: Kevin Higgins, Administrative Judge [Signature]

SUBJECT: Recommendation to acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$45,050 for FY16, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to November 1, 2015, grant end date June 30, 2016; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (Commission Districts 3, 4 & 5)

SUMMARY

On September 10, 2015, Sparks Justice Court applied to the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada (JSCN) to receive funding to create a specialty court, pursuant to NRS 176.0613, for misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses. On October 29, 2015, the Sparks Justice Court received notification that the sum of \$45,050 had been approved for FY16 with the first quarterly distribution of \$15,017 occurring on November 12, 2015. The remaining installments will be distributed in February 2016 and May 2016. The grant is being accepted retroactively, as funding was received shortly after notification of the award.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to NRS 176.059, Sparks Justice Court collects a \$7 Specialty Court Assessment on each fine levied on a misdemeanor matter to fund Specialty Courts in the State of Nevada. There has been a need in the Sparks Township for a specialty court to deal with drug and alcohol related offenses for many years. In January 2013, Sparks Justice Court relocated to a new facility able to support the needs of a Specialty Court.

AGENDA ITEM # 6F

In September 2015, Sparks Justice Court submitted an application for funding to the JCSN. On October 29, 2015, Sparks Justice Court was approved for funding to serve up to 50 participants.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Sparks Recovery Court.

Scope of the Project: The scope of this project is to provide offenders who have a drug and/or alcohol addiction 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/or independence from drug use and become a productive member of society thereby reducing the recidivism rate.

On-Going Program Support: On-going support of this program will be partially funded through program fees paid by participants. Sparks Justice Court will continue to apply for additional grant funds from the JSCN on an annual basis.

Award Amount: \$45,050

Grant Period: November 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Funding Source: Supreme Court, AOC, FY16 General Fund for Specialty Courts

Pass through From: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award): N/A

Special Terms & Conditions: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$15,017 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Revenue:		
IO 20416	471220 – Court Admin Assess.	\$15,017
Expenditures:		
IO 20416	701120 – Part Time wages	\$ 3,667
IO 20416	710100 – Professional Services	\$ 4,425
IO 20416	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$ 300
IO 20416	710500 – Other Expenses	\$ 6,625

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$45,050 for FY16, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to November 1, 2015, grant end date June 30, 2016; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to acknowledge a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court [\$45,050 for FY16, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to November 1, 2015, grant end date June 30, 2016; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

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