

STAFF REPORT

Date: January 17, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023) Adult Treatment Court, Site-Based award, from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to the Reno Municipal Court in the amount of \$998,044.

From: Veronica Lopez, Court Administrator

Department: Municipal Court

Summary:

The Reno Municipal Court was awarded a federal grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in the amount of \$998,044, to enhance its Co-Occurring Disorders, Fresh Start Therapeutic, and CAMO-RNO Veterans Treatment specialty courts.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?		0%

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Economic Opportunity, Homelessness, and Affordable Housing

Previous Council Action:

Council previously approved three grant awards from the DOJ BJA to the Reno Municipal Court to support the specialty court programs. All three grants were approved at the December 2, 2020, Reno City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board meeting. The first grant, awarded to the Fresh Start Therapeutic Court, was in the amount of \$500,000. The second grant, awarded to the

Community Court, was in the amount of \$183,042. The third grant, awarded to the CAMO-RNO Veterans Treatment Court, was in the amount of \$296,570.

Background:

Discussion:

Under the BJA FY 2023 Adult Treatment Court Site-Based Grant, participants engaged in the Reno Municipal Court's specialty courts will receive comprehensive wrap-around services to assist them in achieving long-term abstinence from substance use and help them learn to manage their mental health. These services will treat needs across the entire spectrum of psychosocial conditions that are crucial for long-term success and rehabilitation in accordance with the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) Model.

This will be accomplished by expanding the existing drug courts where participants will engage in treatment and rehabilitation that is specific to the level of need determined through a comprehensive evaluation. Funding will allow the Court to scale up the court programs' capacity, provide access to or enhance treatment capacity, and improve the quality and/or intensity of services.

The target populations to receive services under this grant are criminal offenders who have been diagnosed with a substance use and/or mental health disorder, and whose criminal behavior is catalyzed by one or both of those disorders. Participants served will be those engaged in the Co-Occurring Disorders and Drug/Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) hybrid tracks.

Reno Municipal Court is located in the City of Reno, Nevada, which is the largest city in northern Nevada and home to over 264,000 residents. Reno is also the third largest city in the state of Nevada. These grant funds will be used to provide services to 90 specialty court participants each year of the grant period, which includes expanding services to an additional 30 participants each year.

There are six primary goals of this project: (1) increase the number of participants served, (2) expand the services provided by the Clinical Director, (3) enhance the quality and intensity of treatment services, (4) provide transitional housing and residential treatment, (5) offer more drug testing, and (6) offer more training on best practice standards and evidence-based practices to team members.

Financial Implications:

The required 25% percent match for this award is \$249,511, an in-kind match using the salary and benefits of the Specialty Court Case Manager and Marshal assigned to this program. This will not impact Reno Municipal Court's operating budget.

Legal Implications:

The Reno Municipal Court agrees to comply with the terms of the grant requirements, provide information for evaluation to the grantor, and provide progress and financial reports on program activities, which the Reno Municipal Court will complete. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve the grant award from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to the Reno Municipal Court, in the amount of \$998,044, to enhance its Co-Occurring Disorders, Fresh Start Therapeutic, and CAMO-RNO Veterans Treatment specialty courts

Proposed Motion:

Move to approve the grant award from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to the Reno Municipal Court, in the amount of \$998,044, to enhance its Co-Occurring Disorders, Fresh Start Therapeutic, and CAMO-RNO Veterans Treatment specialty courts.

Attachments: