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CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Department of Community Services

DATE: June 4, 2013

REQUEST: The Department of Community Services (DCS) requests the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the submission of grant applications to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination and Treatment Grant, to approve sole source contracts with Lifeline Connections for co-occurring service provision and NPC Research for completion of required evaluation components, and that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to sign the application forms and related subcontracts upon approval as to form by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

CHECK ONE: X Consent CAO

BACKGROUND

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), have jointly announced that they are accepting applications for fiscal year 2013 grants to enhance the court services, coordination, and evidence-based substance abuse treatment and recovery support services of adult drug courts. The joint initiative allows applicants to submit a comprehensive strategy for enhancing drug court services and capacity, permitting applicants to compete for both criminal justice and substance abuse treatment funds with one application. The application is for two grants, one that funds drug court enhancements and one that funds substance abuse treatment. Together these grants will enhance adult drug court services, coordination and treatment.

Funding from the BJA grant would provide up to \$300,000 over three years and the SAMHSA grant would provide up to \$975,000 over three years. Together they would provide up to \$1,275,000 (\$425,000 per year) for enhancement of adult drug court services, coordination, and evidence-based treatment. These joint grants between SAMHSA and BJA are intended to improve, through collaboration, drug courts for both criminal justice and substance abuse treatment services.

The BJA funds will be used to provide community policing in collaboration with the Clark County Sheriff's Department and a curfew monitoring system. SAMHSA funds will be used to provide additional co-occurring treatment services through Lifeline Connections, which currently contracts with DCS to provide services to drug court participants. Lifeline would add capacity to the Suboxone treatment program, incorporating the program into the continuum of services providing targeted medical and psychological support for people recovering from opioid addictions.

Support Information for Sole Source Contracting Request

Lifeline Connections: Lifeline Connections is the only Clark County provider of residential substance abuse treatment for publicly-funded people. It is the largest provider of substance abuse services in the region and the sole regional provider of a full spectrum of care, from acute medical detoxification through residential and outpatient treatment, and offers services for people with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. These grants will serve clients involved in Therapeutic Specialty Courts, a population with whom Lifeline Connections currently works. Lifeline staff includes counselors who are bilingual in Spanish and American Sign Language.

The County's partnership with Lifeline in this application addresses one of BJA's key components of programs it is seeking to fund, i.e., that the drug court provides access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services. Lifeline provides such services.

NPC Research: The SAMHSA grant requires that a portion of the funding be set aside for project evaluation, which will be conducted by NPC Research, a company with over 20 years' experience managing program assessments for grant funded projects including adult, juvenile, and family drug court evaluations. The County currently contracts with NPC Research for evaluation of another SAMHSA grant specific to services in the Clark County Family Treatment Court (FTC). The Board approved a sole source contract with NPC Research for the Family Treatment Court evaluation on November 20, 2012 (Staff Report #233-12).

NPC Research has research and evaluation projects in over 45 drug treatment courts located in Oregon, California, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Nevada, Vermont, and Guam. These projects include process, outcome/impact and cost-benefit work in adult, juvenile and family treatment drug courts. Drug treatment courts typically involve a variety of jurisdictions and agencies and service delivery domains. The resource commitments and outcomes of drug courts span many components of community criminal justice and treatment systems. The NPC Research team of experts understands this complex world and possesses the capability to apply the research methods and analytic approaches needed to fully evaluate it.

NPC provides academically rigorous research and evaluation of drug treatment court programs while maintaining a strong commitment to working collaboratively with program staff and other key stakeholders. In addition, they report findings and present recommendations in ways that are designed to be used in policy development, program implementation, program management, and service delivery.

NPC Research has research and evaluation projects in over 45 drug treatment courts located in Oregon, California, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Nevada, Vermont, and Guam. NPC Research has also completed evaluations for the following federal organizations:

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)

United States Department of Human Services

- Administration for Children and Families

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

In addition to the vast expertise of NPC Research, it is also important to note that in October 2012, the County issued RFP #637 for evaluation of alcohol and drug treatment programs funded by local sales tax. No proposals were received in response to this RFP which significantly limits the availability of interested parties.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Substance Abuse Advisory Board, the recovery community, community-based organizations and appropriate governmental agencies will provide guidance for the implementation of this grant.

BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The awards will be announced in the fall of 2013. If successful, the start date is expected to be as early as October 2013. Funding would be up to \$425,000 per year for 3 years for a total grant award of \$1,275,000. The BJA grant budget requires a \$100,000 local match over 3 years. The match requirement will be met through a portion of the Drug Court Coordinator's salary and benefits. No new FTE's will be added for this grant.

FISCAL IMPACTS

- Yes (see attached form) No

ACTION REQUESTED

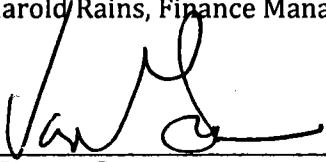
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FISCAL IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part I: Narrative Explanation

I. A – Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information.

No general funds are requested. The match requirement will be met through funds currently committed to the Superior Court.

Part II: Estimated Revenues

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Fund 1954 – SAMHSA Grant		\$531,250		\$743,750		
Fund 1033 – Sales Tax		\$41,667		\$58,333		
Total	\$0	\$572,917	\$0	\$802,083		

II. A – Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

Grant - CFDA #s 16.585 (BJA) and 93.243 (SAMHSA)

Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III. A – Expenditures summed up

Fund #/Title	FTE's	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
		GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Fund 1954 – SAMHSA Grant	.75		\$531,250		\$743,750		
Fund 1033 – Sales Tax	.35		\$41,667		\$58,333		
Total	1.10	\$0	\$572,917	\$0	\$802,083		

III. B – Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits		\$95,684		\$133,957		
Contractual		\$394,448		\$552,226		
Supplies		\$2,012		\$2,818		
Travel		\$22,419		\$31,386		
Other controllables		\$6,062		\$8,488		
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers/ Indirects		\$52,292		\$73,208		
Debt Service						
Total	\$0	\$572,917	\$0	\$802,083		