

## **Staff Report**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Kerri Curtiss, Trial Court Administrator

**DATE:** May 1, 2017

**RE:** Request for support of court's intent to apply for Juvenile Drug Court Grant 2018 \$108,000

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### **BACKGROUND**

The court has been operating a Juvenile Drug Court program since 2006. The juvenile drug court is an intensive court program that is designed to assist juveniles whose alcohol and other drug use contributes to criminal or delinquent behavior. It involves the use of drug testing, attending and participating in counseling, working toward school success, abiding by curfews, engaging in positive, substance-free activities and not associating with those who abuse substances. There is a parental component as well where parents must maintain a substance-free home and participate in services to support their child.

The program is a team approach and includes members of the public school system, law enforcement, public defender office, prosecuting attorney office, treatment community, juvenile probation, the judge and the coordinator. There are also members from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Probation Department, Isabella County Juvenile Referee and others as warranted.

Eligibility requirements for the program include but are not limited to Isabella County residency, meeting age requirements, being a non-violent offender, alcohol or drug dependent, preferred willingness to participate, and undergoing a substance abuse assessment.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The alternative would be to cut the program completely, in part or for the county to fund it in its entirety.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The grant will allow (if awarded) services to continue and to fund a portion of Maria Reiser's salary.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

For the year 2015, we were awarded \$60,000 though we sought \$95,937. For 2016 we requested \$90,975.40 and were awarded \$78,000. For the 2017 year, we requested \$108,000 and received \$85,000. We were one of the few courts that actually received more than the previous year. The 2018 application amount will be approximately \$108,000, which is equivalent to the 2017 request.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The BOC support our intent to apply for Juvenile Drug Treatment Court grant funding in the estimated amount of \$108,000 for the 2018 fiscal year.