

Staff Report

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Kerri Curtiss, Trial Court Administrator

DATE: May 1, 2018

RE: Request for support of court's intent to apply for FY2019 Adult Treatment Court grant funding in the estimated amount of \$108,212.57

BACKGROUND

The Adult Treatment Court program began in 2003 and is a highly supervised, intense program that incorporates several components. The purpose of the program is to allow qualified nonviolent substance abusers into a comprehensive and coordinated program of drug, alcohol, and rehabilitative services. Participants are given the opportunity to become productive and substance-free members of our community. There are three phases to the program and each phase lasts approximately 4-6 months and includes intense treatment, a twelve step program, frequent drug/alcohol testing and regular appearances before the Judge and very frequent contact with the coordinator.

The amount the court is seeking for the 2019 FY is significantly higher than previous years. Over the course of the program, the requested and awarded amounts for this program have been limited to the salary and a portion of fringes for the Coordinator.

This year we are seeking funding for all of the wages and fringes as well as monies for drug testing services and supplies, graduation awards and ceremonies, transportation expenses and the registration fees for mandatory conferences. All of these items are ones that the state allows as part of the funding request. Of course, that does not mean they will award the requested amount.

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 funding, if awarded, would allow the program to continue operations and reduce the amount the county has historically contributed to the program.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The original grant request for 2018 was \$74,978 and the court was awarded \$69,275. For 2019 FY, we intend to apply for the estimated amount of \$108,212.57.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The BOC to support the court's intent to apply for 2019 grant funding for the Adult Treatment Court in the estimated amount of \$108,212.57.