

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 Juvenile Treatment Court Grant 2019 in the approximate amount of \$108,000

BACKGROUND

The court has been operating a Juvenile Treatment 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 the coordinator's salary and fringes as well as a portion of the programming costs.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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 requested was \$108,000 which is the amount we received. The 2019 FY application amount will be approximately the same as FY 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The BOC support our intent to apply for Juvenile Drug Treatment Court grant funding in the estimated amount of \$108,000 for the 2019 fiscal year.