

## **Staff Report**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Kathleen Fields, Adult Treatment Court Coordinator and Kerri Curtiss,  
Trial Court Administrator

**DATE:** May 6, 2019

**RE:** Request for support of court's intent to apply for FY2020 Adult Treatment Court grant funding in the estimated amount of \$100,932.52

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### **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 2020 FY is slightly higher than last year. Over the course of the program, the requested and awarded amounts for this program were limited to the salary and a portion of fringes for the Coordinator.

Last year and again for FY2020, 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 FY2018 award was \$69,278 and FY2019 was \$77,000 respectively, and we intend to apply for the \$100,932.52 for FY2020.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The BOC to support the court's intent to apply for 2020 grant funding for the Adult Treatment Court in the amount of \$100,932.52.