

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Steven B. Wolfson, District Attorney

Recommendation:

Ratify the grant application in the amount of \$100,000 submitted to the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge for the period of December 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026; accept funding and authorize the County Manager to sign any additional grant documents related thereto and accept any funds awarded. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	2031.000	Fund Name:	Clark County Grants
Fund Center:	1150212000	Funded PGM/Grant:	1150.MACSAFE.2026
Amount:	\$100,000		
Description:	John D. and Catherine R. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge		
Additional Comments:	The total amount of the grant is \$100,000 and will be paid in one installment		

BACKGROUND:

The MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge is a more than \$252 million national initiative to reduce over-incarceration and eliminate racial inequities in our justice systems by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails. The Safety and Justice Challenge is supporting local leaders in 51 jurisdictions across 32 states who are implementing evidence-based solutions to safely reduce jail populations, advance racial equity, and eliminate ineffective, inefficient, and unfair practices.

The purpose of the grant is to continue the support of Clark County's participation as the Implementation Site in the Safety and Justice Challenge, the Foundation's criminal justice reform initiative to safely reduce over-incarceration. Clark County is one of 28 Implementation Sites nationally that are receiving funding and expert technical assistance from the Foundation to implement reforms to make their local justice systems fairer and more effective.

Clark County serves as the lead agency in the Safety and Justice Challenge Network and works with stakeholders and partners in the criminal justice community to devise and implement strategies aimed at safely reducing the jail population, addressing system inefficiencies and disparities, advancing racial equality, and improving case processing for pretrial defendants.

Staff requests that the Board ratify the submission of the grant application and accept any funds awarded.

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