

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Jessica Colvin, Chief Financial Officer

Recommendation:

Authorize the award of \$250,000 of Clark County marijuana fees to fund the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Clean Slate Legal Assistance Project; authorize the County Manager or her designee to execute the required grant resolution per NRS 244.1505; or take other action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	1010.000	Fund Name:	General Fund
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	\$250,000		
Description:	Clark County marijuana fees		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

BACKGROUND:

Previously convicted individuals are often prevented from obtaining sustainable employment with a livable wage as employers refuse to employ applicants with a criminal record. There are a variety of criminal history records that are eligible to be sealed that would allow individuals to seek and gain employment without disclosing a criminal record. The population eligible for record sealing is largely African American, male, low-income, with lower rates of educational attainment, compared to the overall population. Sealing eligible criminal records provides stability for individuals and families, which benefits overall community stability; however, it involves a procedurally complicated process. The Legal Aid Center currently provides record sealing assistance through the Clean Slate Legal Assistance Project, although assistance has been limited to a fraction of eligible candidates due to limited funding.

Clark County marijuana fees of \$250,000 would allow The Legal Aid Center to expand the Clean Slate Legal Assistance Project to assist an estimated 250 individuals with income under 200% of the federal poverty rate through December 31, 2023. Priority will be given to (1) individuals who have secured employment conditional upon criminal record sealing, (2) individuals trying to obtain a public benefit, or (3) individuals with convictions preventing self-sufficiency.

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