CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Public Defender, Darin F. Imlay

Recommendation:

Ratify the grant application submitted to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) entitled 2023 BJA CY 23 under the Byrne Discretionary Comuunity Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program, in the amount of \$175,000 to fund the Clark County Public Defender's Office to reduce recidivism by providing counseling services with two social worker positions. (For possible Action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	2030.000	Fund Name:	Clark County Grants
Fund Center:	1190610000	Funded PGM/Grant:	1190.PDOJP.2024
Amount:	\$175,000		
Description:	Social Workers		
Additional Comments:	The total award amount is \$175,000		

BACKGROUND:

The Clark County Public Defender's Office (CCPD) is responsible for representing the people of the State of Nevada in the prosecution of felonies and gross misdemeanors committed within Clark County, Nevada. Many defendants have a difficult time completing the conditions of their sentence due to cost, accessibility to both counseling and community service opportunities, transportation, jobs, etc. Failure to successfully complete the conditions of the sentence may result in incarceration, as well as increase the rates of recidivism. The grant proposal for the \$175,000 is for two social worker positions in the Public Defender's Office. The social workers' role would be helping the defendant overcome these obstacles. One of the Social Workers will be placed with the Domestic Violence team, and one Social Worker will be placed with the DUI team within the Public Defender's Office.

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

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