

# CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## AGENDA ITEM

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**Petitioner:** Jeffrey M. Wells, Assistant County Manager

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**Recommendation:**

**Ratify the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$840,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge for the period of April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023; the purpose of the grant is to support Clark County's participation as an Implementation Site in the Safety and Justice Challenge, the Foundation's criminal justice reform initiative to safely reduce over-incarceration; and authorize the County Manager, or her designee, to sign any additional grant documents related thereto. (For possible action)**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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| Fund #:              | 2031.000  | Fund Name:        | County Grants     |
| Fund Center:         | 1184511000  | Funded PGM/Grant: | 1184.MACSAFE.2022 |
| Amount:              | \$840,000.00  |                   |                   |
| Description:         | Clark County Board of Commissioners   |                   |                   |
| Additional Comments: | The total amount of the grant is \$840,000 and will be paid in two installments: the first installment is \$420,000; the second installment is \$420,000. |                   |                   |

**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 Foundation selected Clark County, Nevada to be an Implementation Site for its Safety and Justice Challenge initiative for the period of April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023. 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.

The MacArthur Foundation first selected Clark County to join the Safety and Justice Challenge Network in 2017, with the Las Vegas Metro Police Department serving as the lead agency. Clark County will now serve as the lead agency and will work 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.

Cleared for Agenda

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