

# CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## AGENDA ITEM

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**Petitioner:** Steven D. Grierson, Court Executive Officer, Eighth Judicial District Court

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**Recommendation:**

**Approve the submission and ratify a grant from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public & Behavioral Health and the Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education for \$750,000 for the Law Enforcement Intervention for Mental Health and Addiction (LIMA) pre-booking diversion program. (For possible action)**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fund #:	2201.000	Fund Name:	Specialty Court Grants
Fund Center:	1160340000	Funded PGM/Grant:	1160.LIMA.2022
Amount:	\$750,000		
Description:	Law Enforcement Intervention for Mental Health and Addiction (LIMA)		
Additional Comments:	The grant does not require any matching funds. The budget and project period are from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.		

**BACKGROUND:**

The Law Enforcement Intervention for Mental Health and Addiction (LIMA) program's target population is adults with a priority area of multi-service delivery including the transitional youth population (18-26), adults with a co-occurring disorder, intravenous drug use, and pregnant women, diverting them to community-based treatment and out of the criminal justice system. The LIMA program is a pre-booking diversion program developed to address participants engaging in crime, due to their substance use.

The EJDC LIMA program was awarded \$750,000.00 in grant funds to fund two full-time Specialty Court Specialist (\$189,270), travel for the specialists (\$806), treatment, case management, and housing contracts (\$558,402.00) and incentives (\$1,522.00). 95% of the participants entering LIMA are chronically homeless. The program is designed to assist with housing and services for the first 120 days, while the participant is becoming self-sufficient. Participants enter into transitional housing, receive onsite case management, therapeutic and community ties and support, become stable in their recovery, mental and physical health, and obtain employment training and employment during this period of grant funding. After this time period, the participant will have a stable source of income, through employment or disability, acquire stable housing, continue in outpatient treatment, and become self-sufficient.

LIMA's main goal is to divert participants out of the justice system and into the community for services, to ensure a system that prevents inappropriate incarceration, hospitalization, institutionalization, and placement. LIMA's secondary goal is to collect data to promote further understanding and target additional public resources for this underserved population. LIMA's tertiary goal is to demonstrate an overall improvement in participant's functioning, and autonomy. LIMA began in February, 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic. Upon entering the program, 90% of participants reported negative social interactions, struggle to complete daily living activities, and struggle to decrease mental health symptoms. 95% of the participants who successfully completed the LIMA Program report improved positive social interactions, improved ability to complete daily living activities, and

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decreased negative mental health symptoms. As of September 30, 2021 there were 92 active participants. On August 6th, 2021 the EJDC LIMA program graduated 21 participants. All 21 graduates were in stable housing, reported supportive relationships, and 18 out of the 21 were employed.

All providers contracted with the EJDC to provide services for the LIMA program must be SAPTA certified and utilize evidence-based services. Currently, the EJDC is contracted with Crossroads of Southern Nevada, Sierra Sage, and Freedom House/Freedom Behavioral Health to provide ASAM justified in-patient residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment services, outpatient services, and transitional housing services.