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Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners ratify the grant application submitted to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) by the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) for funding under the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program; and accept the grant award in the amount of $323,927 for the funding of the Mental Health Demonstration Project. (Amount includes in-kind matching funds.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Awarded funds from (BJA) in the amount of $249,934 will be deposited into Fund No. 2031.000 - 1240711000. The DJJS cost share (in-kind match) for the three-year grant period is $36,960. UNLV's cost share (in-kind match) for the same period is $17,370, and Mohave Mental Health's cost share (in kind match) totals $19,663. The combined cost share/in-kind match for the entire grant period is $73,993.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2009, the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and the Mojave Mental Health collaborative launched the DJJS Mental Health Demonstration Project with the primary goal to develop a specialized approach of evidence-based service delivery to more than 2,975 youth in the Clark County's juvenile justice system who suffers with mental health or co-occurring disorders. A juvenile justice professional and a child and family intervention specialist/clinician provide therapy and intervention to youth and his/her family over a period of four months. Performance indicators for the Project include: reducing the reliance on out-of-home placements, reducing system recidivism and increasing public safety.

With the proposed funding request, DJJS seeks to expand, over the next three years, the Demonstration Project, authorized in the Supplemental Budget of 2008/2009, by enhancing service delivery in two direct ways: (1) the justice and mental health professionals delivering services to the target population would treat youth's mental health and substance abuse conditions and prevent incarceration through specialized training; and (2) the university-justice-mental health collaboration would infuse empirically-based intensive case management services into the current demonstration project in order to coordinate the psychosocial needs (e.g. housing, education, treatment) of the juvenile offenders.

Respectfully submitted,

Fritz Reese

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