

Staff Report

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Kerri Curtiss, Trial Court Administrator

DATE: April 6, 2016

RE: Request to apply for 2016-2017 Adult Drug Court Grant

BACKGROUND

The Adult Drug Court program began in 2003 and is a highly supervised, intense program that incorporates several components. The purpose of the program is to allow qualified nonviolent substance abusers into a comprehensive and coordinated program of drug, alcohol, and rehabilitative services. Participants are given the opportunity to become productive and substance-free members of our community. There are three phases to the program and each phase lasts approximately 4-6 months and includes intense treatment, a twelve step program, frequent drug/alcohol testing and regular appearances before the Judge and very frequent contact with the coordinator.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative would be to cut the program completely, in part or for the county to fund it in its entirety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approving the request to apply for the grant would provide funding (if awarded) for Kathleen Fields' salary and a portion of her fringe benefits.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The original grant request for 2015-2016 was \$59,050 and the court was awarded \$57,000. We intend to keep the request at approximately the same level in 2016-2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Move to allow for application for 2016-2017 Adult Drug Court grant in approximately the same amount as 2015-2016.