

## **Staff Report**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Kerri Curtiss, Trial Court Administrator

**DATE:** April 6, 2016

**RE:** Request for approval to apply for Juvenile Drug Court Grant 2016-2017

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### **BACKGROUND**

The court has been operating a Juvenile Drug Court program since 2006. The juvenile drug court is an intensive court program that is designed to assist juveniles whose alcohol and other drug use contributes to criminal or delinquent behavior. It involves the use of drug testing, attending and participating in counseling, working toward school success, abiding by curfews, engaging in positive, substance-free activities and not associating with those who abuse substances. There is a parental component as well where parents must maintain a substance-free home and participate in services to support their child.

The program is a team approach and includes members of the public school system, law enforcement, public defender office, prosecuting attorney office, treatment community, juvenile probation, the judge and the coordinator. There are also members from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Probation Department, Isabella County Juvenile Referee and others as warranted.

Eligibility requirements for the program include but are not limited to Isabella County residency, meeting age requirements, being a non-violent offender, alcohol or drug dependent, preferred willingness to participate, and undergoing a substance abuse assessment.

### **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 will allow (if grant is awarded) services to continue and to fund a portion of Maria Reiser's salary.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

For the year 2014-2015, we were awarded \$60,000 though we sought \$95,937. For the 2015-2016 year we requested \$90,975.40 and were awarded \$78,000. We were one of the few courts that actually received more than the previous year. We anticipate seeking approximately the same amount as 2016-2017.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Move to allow the authorization to apply for 2016-2017 Juvenile Drug Court grant for approximately the same amount as 2015-2016.