

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-561

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 13, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 15, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization of fiscal year carry-over

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$394,136.00 from a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services) grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to provide additional funds to be used in the Family Dependency Drug Court to expand and enhance the quality and/or intensity of services being provided. No City match is required. It provides for a carryover of funds to subsequent fiscal years.

Background Information: This appropriation represents the first year of a 5-year grant initiative to expand the collaborative delivery system of population-focused care between the Fourth Judicial Circuit and local community-based care provision agencies. It will provide evidence-based treatment plans for 40 Drug Court participants per year (200 in total over the 5 years of the grant) beginning with long-term residential treatment services followed by a transition to outpatient service provision based on individualized care plans. The program aims to reduce the number and frequency of drug-related relapses by targeting intensive treatments to specific patient needs, thereby increasing program completion, building better resiliency and life skills, and reducing recidivism. It will increase the number of beds available for adult residential treatment, increase the use of medication-assisted treatment, and provide observed random drug and alcohol testing of participants.

Policy Impact Area: Drug Court programming enhancement

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$394,136 in federal grant funds with no local match required.

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