

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** Grants Administration

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Agenda Date <u>02/27/07</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a grant application to the US Department of Justice for the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

[Dept Contact: Ron Serra, Sr. Deputy Court Administrator (407) 665-4209]

BACKGROUND:

The US Department of Justice offers the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program to establish and develop drug courts for nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. In 2002, Seminole County was awarded the grant to implement the Adult Drug Court Program. The grant is due to expire March 2006. In efforts to continue the program, the Board of County Commissioners approved funding thru the end of FY 06/07.

The Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program is again being offered. An enhancement component is available to fully operational adult drug court applicants who want to improve delivery of services. Adult Drug Court Program staff would like to pursue the grant to enhance their program and support operations for an additional year. If awarded, grant funds would be used for drug testing equipment, training, and centralization of case records.

The proposed application would request \$200,000. The match requirement of 25% (equal to \$50,000) would be accommodated by in-kind services provided by the program and general fund dollars.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
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Other: _____
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File No. <u>CFSG01</u>

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: US Department of Justice

DATE DUE: March 6, 2007

PROJECT TITLE: Adult Drug Court Program

DEPARTMENT: Circuit Court - Judicial

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Ron Serra, Sr. Deputy Court Administrator

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Zaundra Horne

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (see attached)

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$200,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$ 50,000

SOURCES OF MATCH: In-kind services

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$250,000

THIS PROPOSAL IS A:
 NEW GRANT CONTINUATION GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

GRANT FUNDING IS:
 COMPETITIVE ENTITLEMENT CONTRACT

Seminole County Adult Drug Court Enhancements

If the grant is awarded to Seminole County Adult Drug Court the following enhancements will occur:

The implementation of a drug abuse testing program (Drug testing Lab) with a partnership with Thermo Fisher Scientific Microgenics. MGC240 analyzer. Through Microgenics Reagent Rental Program (5 year program) the MGC 240 will be placed for Seminole County Adult Drug Court at no charge based purchases of reagents including service and maintenance. Operating training is also included with this agreement; training costs will be incurred by Microgenics associated with the training of the operators. Pricing of the reagents are guaranteed for the term, and all reagents will be at a list quoted price, .95 per Drug and .20 per adulterant. This will also place a Microgenics ELAB (Data Management System) will also be placed at no charge. Please see chart attached.

Planning a 2 day (Retreat) training for all team members by a NADCP's (National Association of Drug Court Professionals) representative Alec Christoff. This training (retreat) was a recommendation via SCADC's initial evaluation by Dr. Clinton Terry III.ph.D. This retreat will consists of presentations by knowledgeable speakers on changing Drug Court issues such a confidentiality, pharmacology, treatment modalities, evaluation, program requirements, goals and objectives. Previously a retreat was held at the inception of the program with a cost of approximately \$810.00 per day. This cost very likely will be more due to the fact that the retreat to enhance the program will be for a minimum of two days and done at least twice during the calendar year.

Along with the 2-day retreat, the Drug Court team will need to attend conferences held by the NADCP, NDCI, and FADCP all of which are for educating the team on all of the new and upcoming treatment as well as drugs that are emerging in the United States. These conferences shed light on how individuals use adulterants to mask drug use while in a monitored program.

Enhancements would also include a full process evaluation (Please see accompanying detail of the evaluation.) This will cost within a range of \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Another enhancement would be to purchase bus passes and to utilize this as an incentive for those clients that are working or attending school full time and they has transportation issues. This pass will also be used to assure that clients will be able to attend required group and individual therapy sessions.

The enhancement grant will allow for the program to add to the already utilized incentive portion of the program. The incentive enhancement will allow the program to provide small tokens that congratulate the clients of continual sobriety.

Cost of each test	Number of drugs tested for	Amount of urinalysis tests performed each month	Cost to test for Adulterants by themselves	Cost to test per drug including adulterants	Cost of Monthly u/a testing	Monthly Cost per u/a testing including adulterants	# of months	Cost per year for u/a testing	Cost per year for u/a testing including adulterants
\$0.95	5	250	\$0.20	\$1.15	\$1,187.50	\$1,437.50	12	\$14,250.00	\$17,250.00
\$0.95	5	400	\$0.20	\$1.15	\$1,900.00	\$2,300.00	12	\$22,800.00	\$27,600.00

Cost of each test	# of drugs tested for	Amount of urinalysis tests performed each month	Cost to test for Adulterants by themselves	Cost to test per drug including adulterants	Cost of Monthly u/a testing	Monthly Cost per u/a testing including adulterants	# of months	Cost per year for u/a testing	Cost per year for u/a testing including adulterants
\$0.95	7	250	\$0.20	\$1.15	\$1,662.50	\$2,012.50	12	\$19,950.00	\$24,150.00
\$0.95	7	400	\$0.20	\$1.15	\$2,660.00	\$3,220.00	12	\$31,920.00	\$38,640.00

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\$0.95	10	250	\$0.20	\$1.15	\$2,375.00	\$2,875.00	12	\$28,500.00	\$34,500.00
\$0.95	10	400	\$0.20	\$1.15	\$3,800.00	\$4,600.00	12	\$45,600.00	\$55,200.00

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\$0.95	11	250	\$0.20	\$1.15	\$2,612.50	\$3,162.50	12	\$31,350.00	\$37,950.00
\$0.95	11	400	\$0.20	\$1.15	\$4,180.00	\$5,060.00	12	\$50,160.00	\$60,720.00

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC.

Seminole County Adult Drug Court (SCADC)

Process Evaluation Plan for Enhancement of Adult Drug Court

SCADC has asked Criminal Justice Research Associates, Inc. to comment upon a process evaluation plan for and enhancement grant to its existing adult drug court. Evaluation results provide policy makers and funding sources with information for future program development as well as provide program managers and community leaders with information that can be used to modify and improve existing programs. Even with the increased expansion of drug courts in the past nine years, the amount of research and evaluations showcasing successful programs have not caught up. Anecdotal data have shown that practitioners believe the drug court to be an overall effective measure, but the primary goals of retaining drug offenders in treatment, reducing costs of processing drug offenders thorough the court system and reduced recidivism and incarceration needs to be documented with accurate process outcome data and correct methodological practices.

Assessment and evaluation are important tools in improving the effectiveness and quality of the success of drug courts, if they are integrated into the plans and designs of criminal justice strategies rather than added on afterward. An evaluation systems approach to program development is needed to ensure that: (1) effectiveness and efficiency are maintained within the program and (2) progress on the program objectives is communicated to key policy makers, managers, and the public. Building evaluation into program development truly makes a drug court "whole" and ready for implementation. Evaluation activities and methods become "applied" in their use, and provide for on-going program improvement and - perhaps more important - opportunities for future, more intensive evaluation. "Applied" simply dictates that evaluations answer the questions of decision makers, and present results and recommendations that are readily useful to practitioners.

Scope and Methodology of the Evaluation Plan

An independent intensive evaluation to measure the effectiveness of the Seminole County Drug Court's enhancement efforts will establish a baseline of measurement for future evaluations. The evaluation will determine the extent to which the drug control efforts of multiple agencies have been integrated and coordinated. It will be accomplished using interviews, focus groups, and structured instruments designed to capture process results in quantitative and qualitative forms. Individual interviews will be conducted to promote ownership and investment in the evaluation, and to add any other measures to the instruments that the respondents deemed important.

The primary analysis strategy examines the current operation of the Seminole County Drug Court enhancement efforts and assesses the implementation process, situational factors and program impact. All results and findings will be used to compare and clarify how the evolution of the adult drug court is similar and different from national critical elements and key components. This will be accomplished by implementing a three (3) step evaluation design that consists of site visits, focus groups, surveys and data collection:

- Intensive interviews with each member of the Drug Court Team and its participants, including documentation of the requirements and expectations of each;
- Interactive Focus Groups using a structured instrument addressing issues and status of implementation; and
- Intensive, systematic review of process and outcome indicators of past performance, including the collection, compilation and analysis of all available quantified data, including reviews and assessments of prior reports and case management and treatment files.

The evaluation consists of visits conducted by the evaluators to the Seminole County Drug Court. The Drug Court Team and program participants will be interviewed on site in semi-structured interviews. Focus groups will be conducted with the program participants, and another Drug Court Team

Completing the intensive, systematic review of process and outcome indicators of past performance will be facilitated through this approach. The collection, compilation and analysis of all available quantified data for the drug court depends on the cooperation from those involved in the Seminole County Drug Court program.

The framework used by this approach to document the program provides a basis for specifying its uniqueness. The evaluation formulates a program logic model, including descriptions of all program components and the relationships between program components. The model establishes a baseline for the process evaluation to determine (1) if the components are being

implemented as designed and expected and (2) to determine if improvements can be made to current operations. This approach should yield useful information for consideration of the Drug Court Team.

Budget

The scope of the budget will depend upon the specific goals and objectives envisioned and articulated by the enhancement grant application. Nevertheless, it is reasonable that the overall budget should fall in the range of \$18,000- \$20,000, particularly if it is accomplished by a Florida evaluation team.