

Request for Appropriation to Fund Grants Overseen by the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (NLJRCC)

NEVADA LOCAL JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

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NLJRCC Mandate NRS 176.014

- Make recommendations to the Sentencing Commission regarding grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations from the State General Fund
- Oversee the implementation of local grants
- Create performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the grants
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with DHHS at the state and local level for treatment services and funding

NRS 176.01347

- Recommend the reinvestment of costs avoided resulting from the enactment of AB 236 (2019) to provide financial support to programs and services that address behavioral health needs of persons involved in the criminal justice system in order to reduce recidivism
- Prioritize providing financial support to certain programs and services including support to the NLJRCC for the purpose of making grants to counties for programs and treatment that reduce recidivism

Nevada Sentencing Commission (NSC) – Duties Related to NLJRCC

Need Upfront Investment in Justice Reinvestment

- ❖ AB 236 (2019) advances the justice reinvestment initiative in Nevada
 - Reforms should result in costs avoided that can be reinvested in areas that will reduce recidivism
- ❖ Challenges in calculating costs avoided due to impacts to prison population resulting from Covid does not diminish the need to fund programs and services to reduce recidivism
- ❖ Upfront investment will support the NLJRCC in fulfilling its statutory mandate and assist counties in implementing AB 236 at the local level

Upfront Investments in Other JRI States

- ❖ Between 2010 and 2017, the following states made upfront investments when enacting JRI legislation
 - Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming
- ❖ Funding ranged from \$600,000 (in Utah based on anticipated savings) to \$58 million (Oregon)
- ❖ Funding directed to programs, agencies, and treatment to assist with implementation of JRI and reduce recidivism

Upfront Investments in Other States

State	Amount	Purpose
Alabama	\$4 million	Community behavioral health programs
Alaska	\$3 million	DHHS to assist with reentry programs in rural areas
Georgia	\$5.7 million	Residential substance use programs
Hawaii	\$3.4 million	Community treatment programs
Idaho	\$3 million	Expand community-based substance use treatment programs
Louisiana	\$2.53 million	Community-based programs
Maryland	\$3 million	Substance use disorder treatment

Costs of Programs in Other States

- Kentucky: \$2,430,128 to fund police crisis intervention teams
- Oregon: \$2,100,000 for alternative first responder program and \$1,875,000 to fund alternative first responder programs
- Texas: \$272,140 to expand Mobile Outreach Safety Team to 24-hour coverage
- Massachusetts: \$590,000 to fund on-the-job training for formerly incarcerated persons
- Louisiana: \$57,000 to \$365,000 to fund various programs related to reentry, vocational training, family unification, and other wrap around services for persons involved in the criminal justice system

Costs of Similar Grants or Programs in Nevada

- Assembly Bill No. 191 from the 2019 Legislative Session requested an appropriation of \$2 million to fund grants to Mobile Outreach Safety Teams (MOST) in the rural counties (the bill did not pass)
- That same Legislative Session, the Department of Health and Human Services requested \$300,000 to expand MOST in Northern and Southern Nevada
- DHHS also requested almost another \$400,000 to support MOST
- Douglas County currently requesting \$55,000 for FASTT and \$185,000 for MOST

Proposed NLJRCC Recommendation to NSC

- Direct the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy (NDSP) to include a request for an appropriation in the agency budget request
- Recommend a one-shot appropriation of \$3 million to the NLJRCC for the purpose of making grants pursuant to statutory mandate
- Areas of focus for grants will be the following: Interdisciplinary rapid response teams, crisis intervention training, mental health or substance use diversion programs, mental health or substance use treatment programs, behavioral health programs, continuity of care programs, access to housing, mentoring and resource programs, and vocational training

Next Steps

