

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Renee Boundy

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Award

**MEETING DATE:** October 17, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Grant

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Award (Award #:15BPJA-23-GG-04278-DGCT).

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 3.2 Health & Safety Action: Work with our partners to improve education, public awareness, and to coordinate programs concerning emergency services, criminal justice, and important social services.

**BACKGROUND:** The Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Treatment Court Discretionary Grant (15PBJA-23-GG-04278-DGCT) will be used to plan and implement a misdemeanor DUI Court in the Bozeman Municipal Court. This grant is very similar to the planning and implementation grant used to start the Bozeman VETS Treatment Court. This program is a collaborative effort between city and county agencies and community stakeholders. Gallatin County Justice Court and Bozeman Municipal Court issued a combined 805 DUI citations in 2022. The Bozeman Regional Impaired Drivers Gaining Effective Rehabilitation Services (BRIDGERS) DUI Court complements the Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) Engagement project with an evidence based program that increases treatment, support and accountability for offenders with multiple and aggravated DUI Convictions. This results in reduced recidivism which enhances public safety and reduces tax payer burden. It will also complement the work of the Gallatin County Mental Health Coalition and the strategic planning efforts of the Gallatin County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. The application was approved by the Commission on April 11 and submitted on April 18. We received the award notification on September 27.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** There are no unresolved issues.

**ALTERNATIVES:** No alternatives for planning and implementing a DUI Court have been explored.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** The grant is for \$900,000 dollars over a four year period. The grant requires \$300,000 of matching funds. The matching funds will be a combination of

salaries and supplies already budgeted by the City of Bozeman and community partners. No additional funding will be requested from the general operating budget to meet the match requirements. Post grant the BRIDGERS DUI Court will be funded through a collaboration between all community partners.

Attachments:

[Award Acceptance](#)

[BJA Drug Court Planning and Implementation Grant  
Application Package.pdf](#)

Report compiled on: October 3, 2023