

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

## CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

## April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Counseling Services for Domestic Violence and DUI to Reduce Recidivism for Indigent Clients - Clark County Public Defender's Office in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Clark County Public Defender's Office at 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.

Counseling Services for Domestic Violence and DUI to Reduce Recidivism for Indigent Clients - Clark County Public Defender's Office will provide counseling services to reduce recidivism for indigent clients related to domestic violence and DUI sentences. Successful completion of counseling in both DUI and Domestic Violence cases will reduce recidivism. In virtually every case that has conditions ordered by the court, there will be a suspended jail sentence of usually between 90-180 days. Successful completion of the ordered conditions will reduce jail populations, as the suspended sentence would not be imposed.

This request is for two (2) Social Workers to provide assistance and guidance to indigent clients of the Clark County Public Defender's Office who have been ordered to complete certain counseling and/or community service conditions as part of their sentence, which would increase the likelihood of successful completion of those conditions.

During the calendar year of 2021, the Clark County Public Defender's Office handled 2,138 DUI cases and 2,312 Domestic Violence cases in the Las Vegas Justice Courts. These numbers <u>DO NOT</u> include cases handled by the Public Defender's office occurring in Henderson, North Las Vegas, or the rural courts of Clark County. The social worker positions requested, however, would also assist those individuals in Henderson, NLV, and the rural part of our County.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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