



# Community Safety and Justice

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2025-3316

**Motion:** 25-489

**Type:**

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☒ Budget Action

☐ Other

**Requested Handling:**

☐ Normal

☒ Expedite – 11/21

☐ Urgent

**Fund Source:**

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

**Executive Rec:**

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

**Subject:** District Court – Therapeutic Court Program

**Scope:** Extend the net 2.0 project positions for the Therapeutic Court Program for the remaining six months of the grant period.

**Duration:** January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026

**Fiscal Impact:** ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Funding for these position comes from a grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts which has already been approved through Motion 25-325 and 25-326 .

**Authority Granted:** n/a

**Background:**

District Court operates Mental Health Therapeutic Courts (MHC) which increase coordination between the criminal justice system and mental health treatment system. The purpose of MHC is to provide defendants in specific situations/scenarios an alternative to the regular criminal justice process which includes therapeutic options and increases the potential for positive outcomes and overall public safety.

District Court applies for and receives grant funds annually from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for the operation of this program, specifically to fund three different positions: 0.5 FTE Legal Processing Assistant II, 0.5 FTE Mental Health Court Program Coordinator; and 1.0 FTE Therapeutic Court Case Manager. Because the grant cycles run from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> Council approved three motions, [approving the grant](#), [budget transfer](#) of the funds, and a motion [increasing the number of FTE](#). Because they were still working through some details on funding for the positions which required the AOC's approval, the FTE were approved for a six month period only even though funding was for 12 months. This motion adds the remaining 6 months to these positions as the amendment to the contract has been executed, allowing all grant funds to be put towards the FTE.

**Requested Action:** Move to GLS November 5<sup>th</sup> for consideration.