

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE COURTS**



**NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT**

July 18, 2025

**RE: Request for Amended Award - 2024/2025 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
Treatment Fund**

Dear Chairman Flescher and Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

In July 2024, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approved an allocation of up to \$50,000 from the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund to help offset program costs for participants in the county's problem-solving courts. Following this approval, the funds were transferred from the Drug Abuse Program Fund/Cash Forward (effective October 1, 2024) to the Drug Test Program (Account #12111069-088692) and Other Professional Services (Account #12111069-033190). As of April 16, 2025, the trust fund maintains a balance of \$419,614.

Since the start of the fiscal year on October 1, 2024, our problem-solving courts have incurred \$28,090 in drug testing fees and \$11,289.91 in transportation costs to address the critical needs of indigent participants. To continue to meet the needs of our participants for the remainder of the current fiscal year, we respectfully request an additional \$40,000 to the original award, bringing the total allocation to \$90,000 for FY 2024/2025. This additional funding will help provide essential services, including transportation, that were not fully anticipated in our initial budget request.

These expenditures reflect the increasing demand for services and highlight the need for continued and enhanced financial support. Participants often face significant barriers to success, including the high costs of frequent drug testing, substance use and mental health treatment, transitional housing, medication-assisted treatment, and transportation. These services are essential to their recovery and compliance with court-ordered program requirements.

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit sincerely appreciates the Board's continued commitment to addressing substance use and mental health challenges through support of our problem-solving courts. We respectfully request your consideration of this amended request to ensure these programs continue providing meaningful outcomes for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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