



DAVIDSON COUNTY AGENDA ITEM

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

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TITLE: NACo Convening County, Court & Justice Leaders Initiative

BACKGROUND:

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has recently informed counties of an opportunity to apply to participate in a program call the Convening County, Court & Justice Leaders Initiative. The program supports up to (10) counties (along with their respective courts and justice system partners) to identify and prioritize local needs and methods to address these challenges to bring about system improvements. Some examples of priorities could be:

- Establish an early intervention program to reduce contact with the juvenile justice system
- Reduce overdose deaths among justice-involved individuals
- Improve information sharing between our justice and public safety agencies and their community-based treatment providers
- Establish or expand reentry programming for people leaving jails

A copy of the program application providing more details is attached for review.

No County funds are required to participate if the County is selected to be a part of the program.

If the County wishes to apply to participate in the program, a local Judge and an elected County Official are required to serve as Team Leads.

Applications are due by December 6, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

If the Board has interest in this program, staff recommends nominating an Elected Official to serve as a Team Lead. As part of the application process, staff will also work to identify a Judge to serve as the second Team Lead.

Attachments