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**TO:** Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff *Ed Gonzalez*  
**THRU:** Mike Lee, Chief Deputy *Mike Lee*  
**THRU:** Michael Lanham, Director of Finance *Michael Lanham*  
**THRU:** Brendan Fullem, Financial Administrator *Brendan Fullem*  
**FROM:** Brian Schmitz, Grants Manager  
**DATE:** February 13, 2024  
**SUBJ:** Request for authorization to provide match contributions for the FY 2025  
Community Mental Health Program grant

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The Grants Management Office requests authorization to submit to Commissioners Court a pledge to provide match contributions in the amount of \$2,115,000 for the FY 2025 Community Mental Health Program in connection with the Harris County's jail diversion efforts. The source of the match contributions is the salaries and benefits paid to certain JPC intake staff. The Auditor's Office will move these costs into the grant to be counted as match.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

*Brian Schmitz*

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Brian Schmitz, Grants Manager



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The Harris County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO) respectfully requests authorization from Commissioners Court to approve this commitment for a contribution in the amount of **\$2,115,000** per year to The HARRIS CENTER for Mental Health and IDD in connection with the Joint Processing Center (JPC) and Outpatient Competency Restoration (OCR). This contribution is being provided to satisfy the match requirements associated with the application for the FY 2025 Community Mental Health Program. Our contribution will be available from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

The program operates components of Harris County’s mental health jail diversion efforts including the diversion desk at the Harris County Joint Processing Center, OCR services and supportive services to stabilize community placements and reduce recidivism and use of emergency services.

**Description of Contribution**

Joint Processing Center Intake Desk General Staff - Deputies required to provide 24-hour intake coverage 7 days a week and to administer MH Screening Questionnaire and CCQ mental health check.

The Contribution is calculated based on:  
Historical data provided by the Joint Processing Center – Intake/Diversion Report

Contribution Annual Amount \$2,115,000

Your favorable consideration of the above request is greatly appreciated.

**ORDER**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

On this, the 27th day of February, 2024, the Commissioners' Court of Harris County, Texas, sitting as the governing body of Harris County, upon motion of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, duly put and unanimously carried,

IT IS ORDERED that County Judge Lina Hidalgo or her designee be hereby authorized to approve, and on behalf of Harris County, Texas, the following grant match contributions from the Sheriff's Office:

Annual Match Contribution – Community Mental Health: \$2,115,000

Grant Period: 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2025