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TO: Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff *Ed Gonzalez*
THRU: Edison Toquica, Chief Deputy *Edison Toquica*
THRU: Michael Lanham, Director of Finance
THRU: Shaun Jernagin, Financial Administrator *Shaun Jernagin*
FROM: Brian Schmitz, Grants Manager
DATE: August 30, 2022
SUBJ: Request for authorization to provide match contributions in connection with the Jail Diversion Program grant

The Grants Management Office requests authorization to submit to Commissioners Court a pledge to provide match contributions in the amount of \$1,366,285 for jail diversion and \$3,555,840 for community mental health in connection with the Jail Diversion Grant Program. The sources of the match contributions are the salaries and benefits paid to certain JPC intake staff and the CIRT team, the estimated cost of the 24-bed jail diversion pod, and the estimated value of certain leased space at JPC. The Auditor's Office will move these costs into the grant to be counted as match dollars.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Brian Schmitz

Brian Schmitz, Grants Manager

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August 29, 2022

The Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) respectfully requests authorization from Commissioners Court to approve this commitment for a contribution in the amount of **\$1,366,285** in FY 2023 to The HARRIS CENTER for Mental Health and IDD in connection with the Harris County Jail Diversion program for match requirements set forth by Senate Bill 292. The Harris County Jail Diversion program is an expanded and collaborative effort between multiple agencies to divert persons with mental illness before they are booked into the Harris County Jail system.

Our contribution will be available beginning September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023 and every year after pending renewal of the program. Below is the contribution HCSO will provide to support operation of the program.

Description of Contribution #1

Estimated Cost of the 24-bed Jail Diversion Pod

Cost calculation based on average daily cost of a jail bed.

Contribution #1 Annual Amount

\$1,366,285

Your favorable consideration of this request is sincerely appreciated.

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The Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) respectfully requests authorization from Commissioners Court to approve this commitment for contributions in the amount of **\$3,555,840** per year to The HARRIS CENTER for Mental Health and IDD in connection with the Harris County Jail Diversion program for match requirements set forth by House Bill 13: Community Mental Health Program. The Harris County Mental Health Jail Diversion is an expanded and collaborative effort between multiple agencies to divert persons with mental illness before they are booked into the Harris County Jail system.

Our contribution will be available beginning September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023 and every year after pending renewal of the program. Below is the list of contributions HCSO will provide to support operation of the program.

Description of Contribution #1

Joint Processing Center - Value of leased space for program including furniture, phones, computers, internet, bathroom, all utilities and maintenance, repairs, and daily housekeeping.

The Contribution is calculated based on:
6,284 total square feet x \$32 annual rate per square feet

Contribution #1 Annual Amount	\$201,000
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Description of Contribution #2

Joint Processing Center Reentry space - Value of leased space for program including furniture, phones, computers, internet, bathroom, all utilities and maintenance, repairs, and daily housekeeping.

The Contribution is calculated based on:
120 total square feet x \$32 annual rate per square feet

Contribution #2 Annual Amount	\$3,840
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Description of Contribution #3

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 #3 Annual Amount \$2,364,000

Description of Contribution #4

CIRT Team Salaries & Fringe - 8 Officers providing Diversion services to the County.

The Contribution is calculated based on:
\$123,400 (annual salary + benefits) x 8 officers x 100% allocated

Contribution #4 Annual Amount \$987,000

Your favorable consideration of the above request is greatly appreciated.

ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

On this, the 13th day of September, 2022, 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, to accept the following grant match contributions from the Sheriff's Office:

Annual Match Contribution – Jail Diversion: \$1,366,285

Annual Match Contribution – Community Mental Health: \$3,555,840

Grant Period: 9/1/2022 – 8/31/2023