



HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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Grants Coordination Section - Conveyance Form

Application

Award

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Amendment

Department Name / Number

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Grant Title

Justice Administration - 207	Not Applicable	Safety + Justice Challenge Sustainability Grant '21/'22
Funding Source: The MacArthur Foundation: CFDA# N/A		Grant Agency: The MacArthur Foundation
Program Year: 5 th	Program Ending:	
Grant Begin Date: 03/01/2021	Grant End Date: 12/31/2025	
Grant Org. Key: 100001000001041	If applicable, Prior Year Org. Key: YAA@ @ @ @ @	

Grant Description:

Through the Safety and Justice Challenge, the MacArthur Foundation will support a nationwide network of selected local jurisdictions committed to finding ways to safely reduce jail incarceration, with a particular focus on addressing disproportionate impact on low-income individuals and communities of color. With help from a consortium of national experts and technical assistance providers, participating sites will rigorously examine how their jails are being used; who is being held there, and what risks they pose to the community; what policies and practices have driven the growth of local jail populations; and what strategies will work to reduce the unnecessary use of jail without compromising public safety.

	Revised Total Budget	New Grant Funded	Orig. Grant Funded	New County Funded	Orig. County Funded
Salary & Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Labor	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub Tot. Incremental Cost	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indirect Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

* under development

Full Time Equivalent Positions

0.00

Date Guidelines are Available

% of Positions Paid by Grant

0.00 %

Grant Submittal Deadline Date

01/05/2021

Grant Discussion:

This item relates to an award that was accepted by Commissioners Court on 4/27/21, and previously amended to extend the end date for the associated Data Use Agreement (DUA) between the grantor, the County, and the Research Foundation of the City University of New York. The purpose of this item is to extend the grant end date to 12/31/25 in order to provide additional time to meet grant objectives. All else remains the same.

County Funded Cost Projection

Year	Required	Discretionary
2022	-	-
2023	-	-
2024	-	-
2025	-	-
2026	-	-

Completed by :

Cadow, Eric

Date :

1/23/2023

Reviewed by:

Date :

1/23/23

ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

On this, the 31st day of January, 2023, 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 carried,

IT IS ORDERED that County Judge Lina Hidalgo or her designee be hereby authorized, on behalf of Harris County, to accept a grant amendment for the Safety + Justice program and for the County Judge to sign ancillary documents.

Grant Amount:	\$1,057,500.00
Amended Grant Term:	03/01/2021 – 12/31/2025

Giordanelli, Mike (OJS)

Subject: RE: Harris County SJC no-cost extension request with revised budget

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Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 5:52 PM

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Subject: RE: Harris County SJC no-cost extension request with revised budget

Hello Michael,

I apologize for the delayed response and appreciate your bringing the request to my attention. Harris County has two grants in force: #151953 which ended 9/30/2022; and #154130 which ends 2/28/2023. Based on our records, the NCE request applies to grant #151953. I approve the NCE request with the end date of 12/31/2025. The Foundation requires grant reporting on each grant separately; it does not allow funds from one grant to be rolled over into another award.

I don't have the detail to know if you have pooled the grant funding. However, based on the previous report and the request, I approve the NCE for grant#151953.

There is one payment remaining on #154130; due to the funds remaining in the grant at the last report, we did not release the payment. Please provide an updated financial and narrative report. Based on the NCE request and progress reported on the work by JMI, it appears the work is on track. We will release the payment at this time and anticipate an NCE request for the grant award.

I understand the myriad of factors that have delayed the SJC work in Harris County. We have asked Harris to focus on racial equity and ensure there is a cornerstone to continue to address the issues that have led to the increased jail population and case backlogs. Let's connect early next year to chart a course that helps Harris County make the most of its SJC funding in the time remaining.

Best wishes to all and Happy New Year,
Laurie



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September 26, 2022

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Re: No Cost Extension of Safety + Justice Challenge Grant

Dear Laurie,

On Harris County's behalf, I am requesting a no-cost extension for our Safety + Justice Challenge grant with the MacArthur Foundation. If approved, the new ending date will be December 31, 2025.

The status of the grant funds (see the attached spreadsheet, *SJC Budget 220922*) is as follows:

- To date, \$1,836,000 of grant funds have been used on various programs such as personnel for the Re-integration Court, racial and ethnic disparity training and education, a pretrial workload assessment, a pretrial supervision model pilot program, community engagement grants, and a general order bond pilot.
- \$48,500 are encumbered for a key decision point analysis. The RFP has been awarded, a PO created, and the vendor has begun work. These funds are expected to be used in the next six months.
- \$93,000 out of the \$110,000 budgeted for the General Order Bond pilot remains encumbered. Due to SB 6, the number of people being released on bond has decreased, and as such, the amount required monthly for the pilot has reduced to an average of \$1,300.
- After completing the pretrial supervision model pilot successfully with the Government Performance Lab, \$100,000 remains unspent from this effort.
- \$11,500 remains unspent and unencumbered for the Racial & Ethnic Equity Committee marketing/membership.

This request proposes the following adjustments to the budget (see the attached spreadsheet, *SJC Budget Years 5-7*) to complete the grant by the new end date if approved:

- Reduce the remaining funding for the General Order Bond pilot to \$54,600.
- Add \$90,000 in funds for disparity conferences, \$30,000 each of the next three years. Planning for the first such conference in May 2023 is underway.
- Add \$7,500 in funds for Harris County personnel to attend SJC network meetings and provide ongoing data in 2023, 2024 and 2025
- Combine the remaining grant funds (\$41,000) to support a jail population management initiative, a court case backlog management initiative, or both. The Harris County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has recently created two subcommittees, one to address the jail population and another to address the court case backlog. These committees are expected to capture, evaluate, prioritize, and endorse initiatives in their respective areas over the following weeks, after which grant funds can support specific initiatives with approval from the Foundation.

Pending the approval of this request, Harris County will amend the Data Usage Agreement (DUA) with the Research Foundation for the City University of New York Institute for State and Local Governance to be effective for the duration of the extension, and we will continue to provide the data outlined in the DUA.

We are grateful for the Foundation's continued support of our reform work in Harris County, slow that it might be. We look forward to your continued partnership and accountability. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my team or me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ana Yáñez-Correa
Interim Director