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Harris County, Texas

Staff Report

File #: 21-4656 **Agenda Date:** 9/14/2021 **Agenda #:**

Department: Domestic Relations

Department Head/Elected Official: David W. Simpson, J.D., Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA:
☒ Regular RCA
☐ Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): Contract Number: 22-C0080
Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Office of the Texas Attorney General (OAG)
MWDBE Participation (if applicable): N/A

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):
Request for approval to renew a contract with the Office of the Texas Attorney General (OAG) for Community Supervision Services for two years with three one-year renewals.

Background and Discussion:
Harris County has provided Family Community Supervision Services in partnership with the Office of the Texas Attorney General for more than fifteen years. Parents who have violated court ordered injunctions, parenting time or child support obligations must report monthly and demonstrate compliance with certain conditions. In addition, the officer monitors referrals to random drug testing, parenting classes, substance abuse intervention, education classes and employment assistance. Over 2600 parents are on probation through this program. This contract reimbursed the County for expenses associated with supervising Title IV-D child, medical and dental support cases. The contract would be effective September 1, 2021.

Expected Impact:

Community supervision offers another effective enforcement tool that ensures consistent financial support and parenting time for Harris County children. The OAG pays $49.93 per case per month for services through the County's general fund that will offset salaries and expenses. Individuals placed on community supervision are not incarcerated, which costs the County approximately $75.00 per day. Supervision allows individuals to maintain employment and meet financial obligations. Supervision eliminates the need for additional court hearings, thereby reducing court dockets. The goal is to ensure the consistent and timely payment of child support from obligors who have shown a propensity not to maintain their child support obligation. The Contract brings in $1,037,489 annually which is deposited into the County General Fund, but all expenses are paid by the General Fund.

Alternative Options:
The alternative is to refuse this funding and provide the services with no reimbursement or to refuse this funding and no longer provide community supervision in family law cases.

Alignment with Goal(s):

☒ Justice and Safety
☐ Economic Opportunity
☐ Housing
☐ Public Health

☐ Transportation
☐ Flooding
☐ Environment
☐ Governance and Customer Service**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Location:

Address (if applicable list below):

☒ Countywide
☐ Precinct 1
☐ Precinct 2

☐ Precinct 3
☐ Precinct 4**Fiscal and Personnel Summary**

Service Name	-	**FY 21-22**	**Estimates**	
			FY 22	**Next 3 FYs**
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures		1128.296K-	564.148-	3384.888-
Non-Labor Expenditures		.43K-	.21-	1.29-
Total Incremental Expenditures		**1128.73-**	**564.362-**	**3386.178-**
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget	General Fund-	1128.73-	564.362-	3386.178-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Current Budget		1128.73-	564.362-	3386.178-
Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
Total Funding Sources		**1128.73-**	**564.362-**	**3386.178-**
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested		-	-	-
Total Personnel		**-**	**-**	**-**

Anticipated Implementation Date: September 1, 2021

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:

☒ Not an emergency, disaster recovery, or COVID-19 related item

☐ Emergency Item
☐ COVID-19 related Item
☐ Disaster Recovery related Item

Contact(s) name, title, department:

David W. Simpson, J.D., Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office

Attachments (if applicable):

Community Supervision Contract and CC Order

22-C0080_Harris_CommunitySupervision-ccORDER (Community Supervision Contract between The Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and Harris County, Texas and Commissioners Court Order)