



Legislation Text

File #: 22-5741, **Version:** 1

Department: Juvenile Probation

Department Head/Elected Official: Henry Gonzales, Executive Director/Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): Problem-Solving Support for Court-Involved Youth

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Justice Forward

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): NA

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): NA

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by Juvenile Probation for approval to accept from Justice Forward (JF) grant funds in the amount of \$10,000, with no required match, for the JF grant for youth involved in the problem-solving court programs.

Background and Discussion: HCJPD works in partnership with Juvenile District Courts, community stakeholders, and community-based organizations to address service gaps and provide wrap around programming to families involved in the juvenile justice system. JF is a community-based organization that attempts to break the cycle of incarceration and funds essential programs for individuals involved in problem solving courts in Harris County. For the last four years, JF has provided youth participating in HCJPD's problem-solving courts with financial assistance, by means of gift cards. The cards help pay for a variety of basic daily living needs, such as food, school supplies, therapy, and clothing, etc. JF only provides gift cards upon request by HCJPD, and will not exceed \$10,000.00 for the period described in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). No specific amount is guaranteed.

Expected Impact: Youth involved in problem-solving courts will be able to pay for basic needs with the assistance of JF. The ability to pay for these basic needs will provide stability and assist youth in successfully completing their terms of probation.

Alternative Options: In the event these gift cards were not available, youth would potentially have to go without some of these basic needs being met. Alternatively, the families would have to seek limited funding from other organizations, or HCJPD would have to pay for these basic needs.

Alignment with Goal(s):

Justice and Safety

- _ Economic Opportunity
- _ Housing
- _ Public Health
- _ Transportation
- _ Flooding
- _ Environment
- _ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any): NA

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable): NA

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Problem-Solving Support for Court-Involved Youth		
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$10,000	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$10,000	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$	\$10,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$10,000	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$10,000	
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-

Total Personnel	-	-	-
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Anticipated Court Date: September 27, 2022

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): Immediately

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Dr. Olivia McGill, Deputy Director of Health Services

Attachments (if applicable): Please see attached grant and payment award Memorandum of Understanding that has been approved by the Harris County Attorney's Office. Also see the attached Commissioners Court Order.