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Agreement with the Research Foundation of the City University of New York Institute for State and Local Governance as part of the currently pending renewal application to the MacArthur Foundation

for the Safety + Justice Challenge Grant.

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To: Harris County Commissioners Court

Through: Jim Bethke, Director, Justice Administration Department

Prepared By: Stephanie Armand, Program & Special Projects Administrator, Justice Administration Department

Subject: MacArthur Foundation: Safety + Justice Challenge Grant Data Use Agreement

Project ID (If applicable]:

Purpose and Request:

Request by the Justice Administration Department for authorization to accept an amended Data Use Agreement with the Research Foundation of the City University of New York Institute for State and Local Governance as part of the currently pending renewal application to the MacArthur Foundation for the Safety + Justice Challenge Grant.

Background and Discussion:

Harris County has been participating in the Safety + Justice Challenge (SJC) since 2016 awarded by the MacArthur Foundation. The SJC work is increasing focusing on knowledge development and producing research that informs the field about effective strategies for reducing jail incarceration and racial and ethnic disparities. The attached amended DUA incorporates language naming the specific mechanisms for advancing this research. This amended DUA also streamlines and aligns data sharing with the SJC initiative's updated framework.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Fiscal Summary					
Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]		

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Alternatives:

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Alignment with Strategic Objective:

This agenda item aligns with our strategic objective to ensure that Harris County's pretrial policies and practices balancing emphasis on defendants' Constitutional rights, safety of the community, and efficiency, while working to reduce punitiveness and racial/ethnic disparities.

Attachments:

- 1. 2nd Proposed Amended Data Use Agreement with ISLG.
- 2. Original Data Use Agreement with the ISLG executed on November 15, 2016
- 3. 1st Amended Data Use Agreement with ISLG executed on April 30, 2019
- 4. Safety + Justice Challenge Sustainability Grant approved by Commissioners Court on December 15, 2021 for submission to the MacArthur Foundation.