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**Title:** Transmittal by the Office of County Administration on the status of initiatives to reduce the criminal justice backlog in Harris County.

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**Department:** County Administration

**Department Head/Elected Official:** David Berry

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:**

- Regular RCA
- Supplemental RCA

**Type of Request:** Discussion Item

**Project ID (if applicable):** N/A  
**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** N/A  
**MWDBE Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Transmittal by the Office of County Administration on the status of initiatives to reduce the criminal justice backlog in Harris County.

**Background and Discussion:**

Based on the recommendations made by Justice Administration department and the direction by Court on 6/29/2021, there were several initiatives to be further developed and for which the final budget and reporting was to be brought back to Court.

**Expected Impact:**

The overarching impact is expected to be greater efficiency in the functioning of the Criminal Justice

System which includes a reduction in case backlog and average time to disposition of cases, as well as hopefully a lower number of individuals in jail awaiting hearing.

**Alternative Options:**

These are initiatives that tackle the problem of resolving the criminal backlog by adding resources across the different departments and agencies. The alternative of not investing in the criminal justice processing system may result in a prolonged backlog that will likely take longer to clear.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health

- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment

Governance and Customer Service **Prior Court Action (if any):**

A part of an ongoing discussion on Criminal Justice backlog that started 6/29/2021.

**Location:**

Address (if applicable list below):

- Countywide
- Precinct 1
- Precinct 2

Precinct 3

<input type="checkbox"/> Precinct 4 <b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>				
Service Name	-	FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures</b>				
Labor Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Funding Sources</b> (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify) ARPA				
Existing Budget	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

Total Current Budget	-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	-	-	-
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-

**Anticipated Implementation Date:**

Already underway

**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:**

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**Attachments (if applicable):**

- 1. Backlog update**