

Harris County, Texas

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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 23-0305 Version: 1 Name:

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Title: Request by Domestic Relations for approval to submit an application to the Texas Bar Foundation for

grant funds in the amount of \$25,000, with no required match, for the FY 2023 Self-Represented

Services in the Family Courts Program.

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Department: Domestic Relations

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

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Texas Bar Foundation Grant Application: Self-Represented Services

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A
MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

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

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by Domestic Relations for approval to submit an application to the Texas Bar Foundation for grant funds in the amount of \$25,000, with no required match, for the FY 2023 Self-Represented Services in the Family Courts Program.

Background and Discussion:

Approval is requested to apply for a grant for self-represented legal services. The grant will enhance existing services to parents navigating the Harris County Family District Court system as self-represented litigants. These parents are seeking a conclusion to their uncontested, family-related matter. The service provides attorney-review of orders in uncontested family matters to ensure they meet form and the Court can proceed with finalization of the case. This service provides self-represented parents movement to finalize their case, access to justice, and reduced judicial delays.

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Expected Impact:

N/A

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

X Justice and Safety

- _ Economic Opportunity
- _ Housing
- _ Public Health
- $_\, {\sf Transportation}$
- _ Flooding
- _ Environment
- X Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

| Date | Agenda Item # | Action Taken |
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| 7/20/21 | 269 | Application Submitted for SFY '22 |

Location:

Address (if applicable): Precinct(s): Choose an item.

| Service Name | Texas Bar Foundation Grant Application: Self-Represented Services | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| | • | FY 23 | FY 24 | Next 3 FYs |
| Incremental Expe | enditures (do NOT | write values in the | ousands or millions | s) |
| Labor Expenditures | | \$25,000 | \$ | \$ |
| Non-Labor Expenditures | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Incremental Expenditures | | \$25,000 | \$ | \$ |
| Funding Sources | (do NOT write valu | es in thousands o | or millions) | • |
| Existing Budget | | | | |
| Choose an item. | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Current Budget | | \$ | \$ | \$ |

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| Grant | \$25,000 | \$ | \$ |
|---|---------------|----|----|
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Additional Budget Requested | \$25,000 | \$ | \$ |
| Total Funding Sources | \$25,000 | \$ | \$ |
| Personnel (Fill out section only if request | ing new PCNs) | - | |
| Current Position Count for Service | - | - | - |
| Additional Positions Requested | - | - | - |
| Total Personnel | - | - | - |

Anticipated Court Date: 1/10/23

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Blanca Reyna; Data Analyst, Grant/Contract Manager, IT Specialist;

Domestic Relations Office

Attachments (if applicable): Texas Bar Foundation Grant Application; Court Order