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Title: Request by Domestic Relations for approval to accept from the Texas Bar Foundation 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

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 accept from the Texas Bar Foundation 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 accept grant funds for self-represented legal services to partially fund a nonlawyer position. 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.

Expected Impact:

The grant will enhance existing services to parents navigating the Harris County Family District Court system as self-represented litigants.

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- X Justice and Safety
- _ Economic Opportunity
- _ Housing
- _ Public Health
- _ 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): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

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|--|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Service Name | Texas Bar Foundation Grant Application: Self-Represented Services | | |
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | Next 3 FYs |
| Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions) | | | |
| Labor Expenditures | \$10,417.00 | \$14,583.00 | \$0 |
| Non-Labor Expenditures | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Incremental Expenditures | \$10,417.00 | \$14,583.00 | \$0 |
| Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions) | | | |
| Existing Budget | | | |
| 1000 - General Fund | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Current Budget | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Additional Budget Requested | | | |
| Grant | \$10,417.00 | \$14,583.00 | \$ |

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|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Additional Budget Requested | \$10,417.00 | \$14,583.00 | \$ |
| Total Funding Sources | \$10,417.00 | \$14,583.00 | \$ |
| Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs) | | | |
| Current Position Count for Service | - | - | - |
| Additional Positions Requested | - | - | - |
| Total Personnel | - | - | - |

Anticipated Court Date: 5/16/23

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

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

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