



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 4 for approval to implement expansion of the Holistic Assistance Response Team (HART) program, as recommended by Harris County Public Health.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. 23-3015 CP4-HART Program.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
5/16/2023	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** Commissioner, Precinct 4  
**Department Head/Elected Official:** Lesley Briones

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Supplemental RCA  
**Type of Request:** Policy

**Project ID (if applicable):** n/a  
**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** n/a

**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 the Commissioner of Precinct 4 for approval to implement expansion of the Holistic Assistance Response Team (HART) program, as recommended by Harris County Public Health.

**Background and Discussion:**  
 On March 14, 2023, Commissioners Court voted for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) to work with the Office of County Administration (OCA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to create a plan and budget to maintain current operations of and expand the Holistic Assistance Response Team (HART) program. The existing HART program responds to non-violent emergency calls between 7am and 10pm in Harris County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO) District I.

Adoption of the proposed operational plan created by HCPH, in collaboration with OMB and OCA, would expand current operations to 24-hours and expand the HART program to HCSO District IV, beginning in FY23 using existing departmental funding. The HART program aims to reduce the burden of Law Enforcement in

responding to non-violent 911 calls by diverting these calls to unarmed, specially trained personnel to provide a holistic service response addressing residents' full needs.

**Expected Impact:** Approval of HART expansion would allow HCPH to expand to 24-hour operations and implement HART in HCSO District IV.

**Alternative Options:** Failure to approve this item would result in no expansion of HART service to HCSO District IV and no expansion of operations to 24-hours a day.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- X Justice and Safety
- \_ Economic Opportunity
- \_ Housing
- X Public Health
- \_ Transportation
- \_ Flooding
- \_ Environment
- \_ Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
03/14/23	23-1788	Request for Harris County Public Health to work with the Office of County Administration and the Office of Management and Budget to create a plan and budget to maintain current operations of and expand the Holistic Assistance Response Team (HART) program.

**Location:**

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$68,720.00	\$206,160.00	\$618,480.00
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$915,130.40	\$2,745,391.20	\$8,058,171.60
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	<b>\$983,850.40</b>	<b>\$2,951,551.20</b>	<b>\$8,854,653.60</b>
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
1000 - General Fund	\$983,850.40	\$	\$

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$983,850.40	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Requested</b>			
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$2,951,551.20	\$8,854,653.60
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$2,951,551.20	\$8,854,653.60
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$983,850.40</b>	<b>\$2,951,551.20</b>	<b>\$8,854,653.60</b>
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service		-	-
Additional Positions Requested	2	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>		-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:** May 16, 2023

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** May 16, 2023

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

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**Attachments** (if applicable): Proposal for HART expansion