



Legislation Details (With Text)

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Type: Discussion Item **Status:** Passed
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Title: Request for discussion on indigent defense and court appointed attorney fees in the District and County courts.

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: 1. Court Appointed Attorney Costs.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
5/16/2023	1	Commissioners Court		
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Department: Management and Budget

Department Head/Elected Official: Daniel Ramos

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Discussion Item

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 for discussion on indigent defense and court appointed attorney fees in the District and County courts.

Background and Discussion:

Costs for court appointed attorney fees are far outpacing the FY23 appropriation for departments 701 - District Court Appointed Attorney fees and 941 - County Court Appointed Attorney fees. A background and explanation by subject matter experts will help Commissioners Court to better understand the trends Harris County is experiencing.

Expected Impact:

A background and explanation from subject matter experts in the District and County courts, as well as the Office of Managed Assigned Council is useful prior to approving any supplemental budget appropriations.

Alternative Options:

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☒ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
4/25/2023	23	No Action

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$

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

Anticipated Court Date: 5/16/2023

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):