



Legislation Details (With Text)

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Title: Request for approval of a renewal option with The RAND Corporation d/b/a The RAND Policy Research Corporation for consulting services regarding racial and ethnic disparity for the Office of County Administration for the period of September 9, 2024 - September 8, 2025 at a cost of \$284,447 (200365), Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature.

Sponsors:

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Attachments: 1. 24-2102 Renewal- The RAND Corporation dba The RAND Policy Research Corporation

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/23/2024	1	Commissioners Court		

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Renewal

Project ID (if applicable): 200365

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): The RAND Corporation d/b/a The RAND Policy Research Corporation

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): 0%

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): 0%

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

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Background and Discussion:

In November 2021, the Office of Justice and Safety (OJS) conducted an RFP and identified a vendor to complete a disparity study on the Harris County criminal justice system and its stakeholders. The Disparity Study will look at the key decision points of our justice system to understand if and to what extent disparities

exist. Moreover, the vendor will identify root causes and provide County specific strategies to address existing inequalities. This item is jointly funded by OJS and through the Safety and Justice Challenge grant.

Expected Impact:

The findings of this study will be an asset to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and our constituents. Identifying areas of disparity and their root causes will inform decision-making on focusing, addressing, and mitigating inequalities by all stakeholders in the CJCC. Additionally, the disparity study will serve as an opportunity to center the impacted communities in our decision-making process.

Alternative Options:

Not complete the requested study. This option will reduce the likelihood of the County achieving the priority outcome of reducing racial and economic bias within the criminal justice system. It would leave approved grant funds unspent and risk losing them if another use for the funds could not be identified and approved.

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
12/15/2020	23.d.1.n	Request for approval of projects scheduled for advertisement
11/09/2021	175	Approval of an award on the basis of best proposal meeting requirements.
06/06/2023	263	Execute 1 st amendment to agreement
08/08/2023	243	Approval of a renewal option (1 of 2)
12/19/2023	292	Execute 2 nd amendment to agreement

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses

Funding Sources

Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 04/23/2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A

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

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Attachments (if applicable): Letter