



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-5290, **Version:** 1

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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):** Contract Number 21-C0008

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Office of the Texas Attorney General (OAG)

**MWDBE Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request by Domestic Relations for approval to accept from the Texas Office of the Attorney General renewal grant funds in the amount of \$93,580, with a required match of \$9,358, for the FY 2022 Access and Visitation/Shared Parenting Program.

**Background and Discussion:**

Amendment Two to the contract for access and visitation grant between the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the County (Contract No. 21-C0008) would extend an OAG grant in the amount of \$93,580.30 for shared parenting time services. (The county match is fulfilled by using in-kind services and the amount received will cover all salaries and expenses.)

**Expected Impact:**

The project will seek to secure continuous access to children for parents. Parents who have been denied court-ordered parenting time or who are experiencing parenting problems which impact their co-parenting abilities may apply to our cooperative parenting program. This three-step program includes an attorney consultation, parent conferences, parent education, child counseling and when necessary, litigation. By including both parents up front in the process, the DRO has achieved success in moving parents into a co-parenting relationship.

**Alternative Options:**

The only viable alternative is for this service to be funded completely through general fund monies. The benefits of accepting this grant provides an opportunity for a partnership and access to resources to assist in delivering the services. This partnership has existed for over 10 years.

**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

**Location:**

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

<b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>				
Service Name		FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures</b>				
Labor Expenditures		327.320	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		16.365	-	-
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>		<b>343.685</b>	-	-
<b>Funding Sources</b> (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget	Grant	93.580	-	-
	-	250.105	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Current Budget</b>		<b>343.685</b>	-	-
Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Additional Budget Requested</b>		-	-	-
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>		<b>343.685</b>	-	-
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested		-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>		-	-	-

**Anticipated Implementation Date:** September 1, 2021

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

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** David W. Simpson, J.D., Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office

**Attachments (if applicable):** Community Supervision Contract and CC Order

21-C0008\_A2\_Harris\_AV\_OAGSigned-ccORDER (Amendment Two to the contract for Access and Visitation grant between The Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and Harris County, Texas and Commissioners Court Order)