



Legislation Text

File #: 21-6213, **Version:** 1

Department: County Courts

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Wells

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Interlocal Agreement

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):

MWDBE Participation (if applicable):

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of an interlocal agreement renewal between Harris County and the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD for screening services mandated under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22, and of an amendment to the ILA providing ongoing funding for the General Order Bond pilot program.

Background and Discussion:

The Office of Court Administration requests Commissioners Court renew the attached agreement previously approved on December 17, 2019. This interlocal agreement provides mental health screening services to be performed by The Harris Center. These services are mandated by Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 referencing the early identification of defendants suspected of having mental illness or intellectual disability.

The contract is also being amended to provide a support to an ongoing General Order Bond pilot program administered by The Harris Center in partnership with the Harris County Sheriff Office, Pretrial Services and Justice Administration Department. The additional scope of services fulfills section C 53 of the ODonnell Consent Decree requiring nonappearance mitigation support. Additional funded funding from the Safety + Justice Challenge Grant has been matched to provide nonappearance mitigation services for felony general order bonds.

Funding for this agreement is included in the budget of the Office of Court Management, Department 940 and the Justice Administration Department.

Expected Impact: Approval of this item will continue 16.22 services and nonappearance mitigation support. These interventions provide mental health services and nonappearance mitigation to individuals being released from the jail.

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
12/17/19	Supplemental II.1	ILA Agreement approved
12/1/20	20.C.12.D	ILA Agreement renewed

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	16.22 Services	FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Total Incremental Expenditures		-	-	-
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget	SJC Grant	110K	-	-
	JAD General	250K	-	-
	OCM General	1.5M	1.5M	4.5M
Total Current Budget		1.8M	1.5M	4.5M
Additional Budget Requested	OCM General	-	257K	-

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	-	-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested			257K	-
Total Funding Sources	1.8M	1.7M	4.5M	
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: December 19, 2021

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

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Attachments (if applicable):

ILA between Harris County and the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD

Amendment to the ILA