



Legislation Text

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Department: County Administration

Department Head/Elected Official: David Berry

Regular or Supplemental RCA:

- ☒ Regular RCA
☐ Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Discussion Item

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): N/A

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Transmittal by the Office of County Administration on the status of initiatives to reduce the criminal justice backlog in Harris County.

Background and Discussion:

Based on the recommendations made by Justice Administration department and the direction by Court on 6/29/2021, there were several initiatives to be further developed and for which the final budget and reporting was to be brought back to Court.

Expected Impact:

The overarching impact is expected to be greater efficiency in the functioning of the Criminal Justice System which includes a reduction in case backlog and average time to disposition of cases, as well as hopefully a lower number of individuals in jail awaiting hearing.

Alternative Options:

These are initiatives that tackle the problem of resolving the criminal backlog by adding resources across the different departments and agencies. The alternative of not investing in the criminal justice processing system may result in a prolonged backlog that will likely take longer to clear.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☒ Justice and Safety

- ☐ Economic Opportunity
☐ Housing
☐ Public Health

- ☐ Transportation
☐ Flooding
☐ Environment

☐ Governance and Customer Service **Prior Court Action (if any):**

A part of an ongoing discussion on Criminal Justice backlog that started 6/29/2021.

Location:

Address (if applicable list below):

- ☒ Countywide
☐ Precinct 1
☐ Precinct 2

☐ Precinct 3

☐ Precinct 4 **Fiscal and Personnel Summary**

Service Name		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) ARPA				
Existing Budget		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Current Budget		-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 Implementation Date:

Already underway

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:

☒ Not an emergency, disaster recovery, or COVID-19 related item

☐ Emergency Item

☐ COVID-19 related Item

☐ Disaster Recovery related Item

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Attachments (if applicable):

1. Backlog update