



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 22-4538, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Purchasing

**Department Head/Elected Official:** DeWight Dopslauf

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Contract - Award

**Project ID** (if applicable): N/A

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable): Southern Methodist University on behalf of its Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center

**MWDBE Contracted Goal** (if applicable): N/A

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

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Personal Services Agreement

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval of a personal services exemption from the competitive bid requirements and that the County Judge execute an agreement with Southern Methodist University on behalf of its Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center in the amount of \$73,900 for Local Rule 9 and the ODonnell consent decree compliance training course for the Office of Justice and Safety for the period of August 2, 2022 - May 1, 2023 with four (4) one-year renewal options.

**Background and Discussion:**

Harris County sought qualified vendors to create and deliver a training course to support the full and effective implementation of the *ODonnell* Consent Decree. The training should include foundational information on the core components of the decree applicable to all stakeholders, in addition to targeted training content tailored to the role and function of key stakeholder groups. Per the decree, the selected vendor shall work closely with the Court Monitor, Class Counsel, and designated County stakeholders to meet the following requirements in accordance with Part X of the Consent Decree.

**Expected Impact:**

Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center shall create and deliver a training curriculum to include, at a minimum, qualitative and quantitative material on the following: The purpose, proper implementation, and enforcement of Local Rule 9 and the Consent Decree, and the requirements to uphold the constitutional rules and standards governing pretrial release and detention and the use of secured bail money. The costs and consequences of pretrial detention on misdemeanor arrestees and the public, including empirical research concerns. The available alternatives to pretrial detention locally, best practices and alternatives employed in other jurisdictions, and the costs and consequences of and alternatives to issuing bench warrants in response

to nonappearance and failures to appear. Discussion of current data, research, and best practices relating to bail setting and pretrial release practices nationally. Accounts and stories of people or their family members who have been affected by the bail system in Harris County.

#### Alternative Options:

The approval is necessary to remain in compliance to the *ODonnell* Consent Decree.

#### Alignment with Goal(s):

- X Justice and Safety
- \_ Economic Opportunity
- \_ Housing
- \_ Public Health
- \_ Transportation
- \_ Flooding
- \_ Environment
- X Governance and Customer Service

#### Prior Court Action (if any): N/A

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

#### Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	\$	\$	\$

Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</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 Court Date:** August 2, 2022

**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): Letter, Agreement