



Legislation Text

File #: 22-5763, **Version:** 1

Department: Institute of Forensic Sciences

Department Head/Elected Official: Luis A. Sanchez, M.D., Executive Director & Chief Medical Examiner

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): 100001000001333 (CJD 2460109)

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

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Institute of Forensic Sciences for approval to temporarily transfer general funds in the amount of \$13,591.34 to the grant account pending receipt of the grant award for the FY 2023 General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program, and extend two associated positions to September 30, 2023.

Background and Discussion:

The purpose of the Victim Assistance Program is to provide decedent families with a dedicated liaison at the Medical Examiner's Office. Liaison services include providing guidance and assistance to decedent families who are navigating the Medical Examiner's Office processes and potentially the criminal justice system, as well as gathering much-needed information from families about decedents to assist with determination of cause and manner of death.

Expected Impact:

The Victim Assistance Specialists will provide services to be performed with an emphasis on a multidisciplinary and multicultural approach to delivery. The Specialists will assist surviving family members of individuals that die sudden, often unexpected and/or violent deaths by providing crisis intervention, community and social service referrals, and emotional support. Additionally, this program has developed strong partnerships with law enforcement agencies and crime victim resource agencies to provide comprehensive crime victim services

Alternative Options:

The potential impact of this temporary transfer would occur only if the award is not received. Otherwise, the transfer would be reversed when the award is received.

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
01/25/2022	235	Application

Location:

Address (if applicable): 1861 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, TX 77054

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	FY23 General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program		
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Grant	\$	\$13,591	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$13,591	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$13,591	\$

Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: September 27, 2022

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): October 1, 2022

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

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Attachments (if applicable):

Form 3441 (2)

Budget Transfer