



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0305, **Version:** 1

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): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Texas Bar Foundation Grant Application: Self-Represented Services

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 Domestic Relations for approval to submit an application to the Texas Bar Foundation for grant funds in the amount of \$25,000, with no required match, for the FY 2023 Self-Represented Services in the Family Courts Program.

Background and Discussion:

Approval is requested to apply for a grant for self-represented legal services. The grant will enhance existing services to parents navigating the Harris County Family District Court system as self-represented litigants. These parents are seeking a conclusion to their uncontested, family-related matter. The service provides attorney-review of orders in uncontested family matters to ensure they meet form and the Court can proceed with finalization of the case. This service provides self-represented parents movement to finalize their case, access to justice, and reduced judicial delays.

Expected Impact:

N/A

Alternative Options:

N/A

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
7/20/21	269	Application Submitted for SFY '22

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Texas Bar Foundation Grant Application: Self-Represented Services		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$25,000	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$25,000	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$25,000	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$25,000	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$25,000	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 1/10/23

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): Texas Bar Foundation Grant Application; Court Order