



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0399, **Version:** 1

Department: Office of Justice and Safety

Department Head/Elected Official: Amanda Marzullo, Interim Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Award

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Elite Research

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): 100%

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): 0%

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal is not 0% and is listed above

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of an order authorizing the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$526,773 for the independent evaluation of the Youth Justice Community Reinvestment Fund as a sub-award of the agreement with Elite Research, LLC, under Job No. 210317, MWDBE Contracted Goal: 100%.

Background and Discussion:

On February 8, 2021, Commissioners Court approved a Justice Administration Department (now Office of Safety and Justice) budget request in the Commissioners Court Forfeited Asset Fund (2091), allocating funds for creating the Youth Justice Community Reinvestment Fund (YJCRF). This fund will support local non-profit organizations to build the capacity to provide prevention and intervention services to youth at risk or involved in the juvenile justice system. An integral part of the budget request is the selection of a third-party vendor to evaluate the effectiveness of this approach to juvenile justice prevention and mitigation.

Expected Impact:

The selected vendor for the third-party evaluation of the YJCRF will evaluate two components of this approach to reducing juvenile justice involvement for youth. First, the proposed vendor will assess the impact the intermediary, Change Happens, has on increasing capacity in communities to build sustainable and robust community-based organizations to support and serve families disproportionately impacted by juvenile justice. Second, the evaluation will measure the impact of local grassroots organizations in reducing, deterring, or diverting youth from juvenile justice involvement.

Alternative Options:

Continue the YJCRF with no third-party evaluation, or cancel the program.

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
2/9/2021	260	Approval of the Harris County budget, including funds for the Youth Justice Community Reinvestment Fund
3/22/2022	212	Approval of contract awards for applied research and data analysis, strategic planning and management strategies, and other services
4/26/2022	162	Approval of contract award for intermediary services

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	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			
Other	\$226,773	\$300,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$226,773	\$300,000	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$

Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$226,773	\$300,000	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: January 31, 2023

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):

Court Order

Vendor Proposal

Vendor BAFO

MWBE Utilization Plan