



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0403, **Version:** 1

Department: Harris County Resources for Children and Adults

Department Head/Elected Official: Joel Levine

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Financial Authorization

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):

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

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval to spend up to \$10,000 during the fiscal year 2022-2023 to pay for temporary hotel rooms, flights, and other emergency supplies and services for children, youth, and adults.

Background and Discussion:

Integrated Health Services clinicians are regularly called upon to assist families in crisis. This assistance sometimes involves helping caregivers and their children who are fleeing a domestic violence situation. In such instances, immediate access to alternative housing is imperative. There are times when all available shelters are full, and the ability to pay for a hotel room would literally keep a family safe and off the street.

The Integrated Health Clinic provides medical, dental, and psychiatric services to abused and neglected children in the local child welfare system. On occasion, a child with no insurance is treated and needs prescribed medication, lab work, or required specialized tests or services. The ability to pay for these items will afford physicians and dentists the opportunity to optimize patient care.

The Triad Home Safe program assists minor human trafficking victims who are sometimes recovered by law enforcement far from their parent or guardian. Although our program is supported by Office of the Governor grant funding, we often need to pay for emergency expenses to reunite a trafficked child with their family. The program sometimes provides gas cards or hotel expenses for families driving to Houston from across the state or a flight to send a teen back home after a trafficker took a child too far for a family with limited means to drive. A card to be able to quickly and efficiently meet these needs on nights or weekends would be very helpful in assisting traumatized children and families.

Guardianship services may have adults dropped off by law enforcement who are in need of temporary shelter, food, medicine, or other supplies while stable housing is identified.

Expected Impact:

These expenses are covered in the current budget allocation. The funding will be provided from General Fund,

Grant Funding, and Special Revenue Fund 2356.

Alternative Options:

There are no other viable alternatives for this request.

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

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Guardianship Services		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
1000 - General Fund	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$12,000
Other	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$9,000
Grant	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$9,000
Total Current Budget	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Additional Budget Requested			
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Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 1/31/2023

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):