



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 23-0698, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Management and Budget

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Daniel Ramos, Executive Director

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Grant

**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 by the Office of Management and Budget for approval to submit an application to the Office of the Governor/Criminal Justice Division for grant funds in the amount of \$87,858, with no required match, for the FY 2023-24 Specialty Felony Mental Health Courts Program, and execute an interlocal agreement with the Community Supervision & Corrections Department to administer the program.

**Background and Discussion:**

This project would be funded with state funds through the Specialty Courts program. The Harris County Felony Mental Health Court provides treatment that targets mental illness, substance use and thinking patterns and attitudes that support criminal behavior. The program utilizes evidence-based best practices including cognitive behavioral therapy with the goal of reducing recidivism. Budget is requested for the salary and benefits of the program director.

The grant position would be an employee of CSCD and expenses would appear in the County ledgers as payments to sub-recipients.

**Expected Impact:**

Between carry-over individuals and new clients, the program would provide services to a range of clients.

**Alternative Options:**

Direct Appropriation

**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	Felony Mental Health Court		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$7,322	\$80,536	\$
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,322</b>	<b>\$80,536</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$7,322	\$80,536	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$7,322	\$80,536	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$7,322</b>	<b>\$80,536</b>	<b>\$</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:** 1/31/2023

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** 9/1/2023

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

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Eric Cadow, Grant Analyst; Hank Griffith, Director

**Attachments** (if applicable): grant documents