



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0701, **Version:** 1

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 \$55,967, with no required match, for the FY 2023-24 Specialty Misdemeanor Veterans Court Program, and execute an interlocal agreement with the Community Supervision & Corrections Department to administer the program.

Background and Discussion:

The Misdemeanor Veterans Court program seeks to divert veterans from the traditional criminal justice system to an alternative to incarceration program that addresses their specific needs. The court team works to address mental health, traumatic brain injuries, PTSD, substance abuse and other health issues and aims to rehabilitate veterans and active service members that suffer from mental illness, mental disorders, traumatic brain injury, homelessness and/or substance use disorder due to military service, which was a contributing factor in their misdemeanor criminal offense. The proposed budget includes funds for one case manager, to be provided through a sub-recipient agreement with the Harris County Community Supervision & Corrections Department, with no match requirement.

Expected Impact:

A range of services provided for clients enrolled in the program.

Alternative Options:

Alternative funding streams as available.

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	Misdemeanor Veterans Court		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$4,664	\$51,303	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$4,664	\$51,303	\$
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	\$4,664	\$51,303	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$4,664	\$51,303	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$4,664	\$51,303	\$
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): 9/1/2023

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

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Attachments (if applicable): Grant Documents