



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0486, **Version:** 1

Department: Harris County Resources for Children and Adults

Department Head/Elected Official: Joel Levine, Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division

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 Harris County Resources for Children and Adults for approval to submit an application to the Office of the Governor/Criminal Justice Division for grant funds in the amount of \$881,305.73, with no required match, for the FY 2023-24 Continuum - TRIAD Home Safe (formerly TRIAD Child Sex Trafficking) Program.

Background and Discussion:

Harris County Resources for Children and Adults has been the recipient of Child Sex Trafficking/VOCA funding for five years. The VOCA program is administered by the Office of the Governor. Monies received through this funding source has allowed Harris County Resources for Children and Adults to provide Care Coordination services among social service providers and law enforcement for child sex trafficking victims in the Houston/Harris County Region. The goals of the program are to: reduce duplicative cases and parallel interventions; divert survivors from the criminal justice system; and to shorten the time to deliver services. Thanks to these grant funds, the TRIAD Home Safe (formerly TRIAD Child Sex Trafficking) project is able to offer site-based services comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of experts in forensic medicine, protective services, substance use, social services, civil and criminal prosecution and law enforcement collaborating to address the complex needs of minor victims of child sex trafficking and exploitation. The award provides budget for personnel, grant-related supplies, equipment and travel. This year, there is no match required for this funding.

Expected Impact:

As a result of this funding opportunity and the many collaborative affiliations that have been developed, we will continue to be able to successfully coordinate services among social service providers and law enforcement for child sex trafficking victims, which has provided life altering outcomes for the many program participants. With this support, it is expected that child sex trafficking victims will continue receiving the highest quality of services and positive outcomes as a consequence thereof.

Alternative Options:

There are currently no alternatives to this funding source.

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
11/29/22	132	Commissioners Court approved acceptance of award funds for FY 22-23

Location:

Address (if applicable): 6300 Chimney Rock Rd. Houston, TX 77081

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Triad Home Safe (formerly Child Sex Trafficking) Program		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$832,440.35	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$48,865.38	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$881,305.73	\$
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	\$	\$881,305.73	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$881,305.73	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$881,305.73	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 01/31/2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): 10/01/2023

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Gulsah Langan, Youth Services Division Deputy Director, Resources for Children & Adults

Attachments (if applicable): Conveyance form, Court Order, Resolution, Criminal Justice Division Funding Announcement, Project Abstract, Proposed Budget, TIN, Direct Deposit Authorization, W-9, CEO & LE Certification