



Legislation Text

File #: 23-2639, **Version:** 1

Department: Juvenile Probation

Department Head/Elected Official: Henry Gonzales, 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 Juvenile Probation for approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for grant funds in the amount of \$999,992, with no required match, for the Transition Center - Opportunity Center Enhancement Program.

Background and Discussion:

To address negative outcomes of youth detention, Harris County Juvenile Probation Department (HCJPD) proposes to expand and enhance its Education Transition Center (ETC), which is a one-stop community school for justice involved youth. HCJPD will ask Judges to change custody of youth who would otherwise be sent to detention to the ETC on a probationary basis, in effect utilizing the program as a diversion alternative to detention. The ETC would expand its hours of service to allow for a full day of activities, and also enhance the array of services and educational programs provided as well as the base of community partners and stakeholders involved. At the end of the day, youth would return home rather than to a detention center.

Expected Impact:

When weighed against negative outcomes of incarceration, the expanded/enhanced ETC's program will serve as a successful alternative. ETC will promote positive behavior change as measured by our school-based reward system, address existing delinquency factors, decrease the recidivism risk, and effect long-term successful re-entry by increasing the number of GEDs obtained, vocational training provided, and other referrals to the labor market.

Alternative Options:

To seek alternative funding sources.

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 |
|------|---------------|--------------|
| N/A | | |

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

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|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Service Name | Education Transition Center - Opportunity Center | | |
| | FY 23 | FY 24 | Next 3 FYs |
| Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions) | | | |
| Labor Expenditures | \$ | \$240,630.00 | \$481,262.00 |
| Non-Labor Expenditures | \$ | \$92,700.00 | \$185,400.00 |
| Total Incremental Expenditures | \$ | \$333,330.00 | \$666,662.00 |
| 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 | \$ | \$333,330.00 | \$666,662.00 |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Additional Budget Requested | \$ | \$333,330.00 | \$666,662.00 |
| Total Funding Sources | \$ | \$333,330.00 | \$666,662.00 |
| Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs) | | | |

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| Current Position Count for Service | - | - | - |
| Additional Positions Requested | - | - | - |
| Total Personnel | - | - | - |

Anticipated Court Date: May 16, 2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): September 1, 2023

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

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Attachments (if applicable): Grant documents