



Legislation Text

File #: 23-3007, **Version:** 1

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Amendment

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD

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 the Sheriff's Office for approval of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD to continue the Clinician and Officer Remote Evaluation Program (CORE) through February 28, 2026.

Background and Discussion:

The Harris County Sheriff's Office CORE program was created in collaboration with The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, which assists deputies in patrol when responding to a call for service with a mental health nexus. CORE equips patrol deputies with an iPad which they can utilize to access a clinician from The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. CORE provides on - scene assessments, guidance, and multiple resources through tele-conferencing technology. This program was fully established in 2019 and was extended to the Constables in April 2021 and already operating throughout the county and assisting deputies with calls for service with a mental health nexus and providing resources to our communities.

Expected Impact:

This program will improve our response to calls for service involving a mental health nexus. This program will assist in providing on-site mental health assessments from The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD staff and reduce the number of transports to hospital emergency rooms by providing on the scene resources along with diverting consumers who have committed low-level offense (and have a mental health component) from the criminal justice system to the mental health care system.

Alternative Options:

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
8/23/23	420	approved
4/4/23	177	approved

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
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			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			

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

Anticipated Court Date:

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): This is an established program operating throughout the county. The Harris County Sheriff's Office is the law enforcement liaison agency for the CORE program between The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD and other law enforcement agency's joining the program.

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Jose R. Gomez/Sergeant - Harris County Sheriff's Office 713 - 806 - 1270.

Attachments (if applicable): See attachments for Interlocal Agreement between The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD and The Harris County Sheriff's Office.