



Legislation Text

File #: 24-0959, **Version:** 1

Department: District Courts

Department Head/Elected Official: Richard Woods

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 District Courts for approval to submit a revised application to the Office of the Governor/Criminal Justice Division for grant funds in the amount of \$108,627, with no required match, for the FY 25 Positive Pathways Family Reunification Court Program.

Background and Discussion:

Commissioners Court approved an application in the amount of \$83,000 with a discretionary match of \$23,215.11 on 1/30/24 for this program, but the Department subsequently opted to request more grant funds and dropped the match portion of their budget.

The Texas Office of the Governor's, Public Safety Office is soliciting applications for Specialty Court projects as defined in Chapters 121 through 130 of the Texas Government Code. The grant application is due on 2/8/24, and grant funds will be available commencing on 9/1/24 and expire on 8/31/25.

The Positive Pathways FRC is a Family Drug Court, under the Harris County District Courts, hearing cases involving CPS referrals of child abuse or neglect where substance abuse by the caregiver(s) is a primary factor in DFPS involvement. Services provided under the grant will lead to a higher number of clients served, high rates of abstinence, increased employment, housing stability, increased social connectedness and decreased risk factors while increasing protective factors for the family.

Expected Impact:

Grant funding would allow DCA to continue to pay the part of the salary for the full-time program coordinator. The goal of FI-ITC is to implement a coordinated/integrated care model, with a focus on children and family's needs and strengths, whereby the wellness, safety, and permanency outcomes for children, as well as the recovery needs for their caregivers, will be improved. The FI-ITC project would add value by enhancing service

delivery, improving capacity and accessibility to the right care at the right time and enhancing the Court’s capacity to improve care coordination/integration at all levels, thereby optimizing the outcomes for caregivers and children as well as optimizing the use of scarce resources.

Alternative Options:

The alternative would be to discontinue provision of services to families where Parental substance abuse is a key factor in fueling the rising instances of abuse and neglect reported as well as other crimes associated with substance use.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- X 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
1/30/24	246	Approval to submit an application to the Office of the Governor

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Positive Pathways Family Reunification Court Program			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expense
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget			FY24 portion	FY25 portion
Grant	\$	\$	\$1,552.25	\$107,074.75
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$0	\$	\$1,552.25	\$107,074.75
Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)				

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$1,552.25	\$107,044.75
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Ser	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: February 27, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Richard Woods, Court Administrator, District Courts

Attachments (if applicable): Grant Documents