



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 24-2261, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Management and Budget

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Daniel Ramos, Executive Director

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Commercial Paper

**Project ID** (if applicable): DISTRICT\_CRT

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable): N/A

**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 for approval of commercial paper funding for the Office of the County Engineer for the New District Criminal and Probate Court Renovation - Phase 2 project in the amount of \$4,800,000 for a total CP funding of \$10,000,000.

**Background and Discussion:**

Commercial Paper Series D-2 can be used for (1) construction of public works, (2) the purchase of automobiles, equipment and machinery, including computers, materials and supplies for the operation of the County's precincts and departments (3) Professional services, including services provided by engineers, architects, attorneys, auditors, financial advisors, and fiscal agents, in connection with the contractual obligations described in (1) and (2).

Commercial Paper is being requested for the New District Criminal and Probate Court Renovation - Phase 2 project and is expected to be repaid within the next three fiscal years either through bonds, budgetary means or pay-as-you-go sources. This is for approval for allocation of commercial paper for a previously approved project within the previously authorized amount.

HB 1869 compliance confirmed by: Paige Abernathy, Assistant County Attorney, October 19, 2023.

**Expected Impact:**

By passing House Bill No. 3474, the State created six new District Courts in Harris County. Phase 1 of this project constructed three of the District Courts within the Criminal Justice Center (CJC) and became operational on October 1, 2023. Those courts are operating from the CJC. According to the House Bill, the remaining three District Courts are to be created by October 1, 2024. Phase 2 of this project will construct the three new District courts on the 13th floor of the CJC, where they will start operating upon completion. Currently, the Pre-Trial Services Department (PTS) temporarily offices on the 13th floor. Later this year, PTS will

be relocated to their permanent office space at 600 N. San Jacinto St., the Peden Building. Once PTS is relocated, the 13th floor will be available to renovate into courtrooms and court staff offices. The project will be completed in time to meet the court creation timeline set by the State.

#### Alternative Options:

Not funding this program would lead to an even greater backlog of court cases for criminal courts. Additionally, delays in this project may increase costs due to increased costs of material and labor.

#### 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
8/1/2023	103	FIM for New District Court and Probate Court Renovation
10/31/2023	92	FIM for New District Court and Probate Court Renovation - Phase 2 and CP allocation of \$2.5M
12/5/2023	23-7136	Request for CP Funding in the amount of \$2,700,000

#### Location:

Address (if applicable): 1201 Franklin Street, Houston, Texas 77002

Precinct(s): Precinct 1

#### Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name					
			Current Fiscal Year Cost		Annual Fiscal Cost
			Labor	Non-Labor	Total
					Recurring Expenses
<b>Funding Sources</b>					
<b>Existing Budget</b>					
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request</b> ( <i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i> )					
Commercial Paper	\$	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000	\$	\$

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000	\$
<b>Total Funding Request</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$4,800,000</b>	<b>\$4,800,000</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:** April 23, 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:** Amy Perez, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Management and Budget

**Attachments** (if applicable): N/A