



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2450, **Version:** 1

Department: District Clerk

Department Head/Elected Official: Marilyn Burgess

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Discussion Item

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

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 to update the current list of charities or programs for jurors who wish to donate their juror pay.

Background and Discussion:

Texas Government Code §61.003 prescribes provisions relating to the donation of a prospective juror of the daily reimbursement for jury service. As required by the law, currently four programs are statutory as options for consideration by Jurors: (1) Victims of Crime Fund, (2) Children's Protective Services Child Welfare Service Fund, (3) Harris County Veterans' Treatment Court and (4) Veterans County Service Office. This statute also includes a provision for any program selected by commissioners' court that is operated by a public or private nonprofit organization and that provides shelter and services to victims of family violence; any other program approved by the commissioners' court of the county, including a program established under Article 56A.205, Code of Criminal Procedure, that offers psychological counseling in criminal cases involving graphic evidence or testimony. The following list includes the necessary changes we are requesting approval for:

- Updated applications and supporting documentation from charities or programs as required.
 - A World for Children
 - AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse)
 - Casa De Esperanza De Los Niños, Inc.
 - Child Advocates, Inc.
 - Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc.
 - Houston Area Women's Center
 - Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston
 - K9s4COPS
 - Mothers Against Drunk Driving

- The 100 Club, Inc.
 - The Women's Home
 - Houston Habitat for Humanity
- New charity request from six organizations:
 - De Pelchin Children's Center
 - Imagine
 - Civic Heart Community Services
 - Texas Center for the Missing
 - Advocates for Immigrant Survivors
 - Shape Community Center

Expected Impact:

Provide an updated list of charities or programs for jurors.

Alternative Options:

There is no other feasible alternative option to update the list or County Auditor's Form 346, Juror's Donation Authorization Form.

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
06/14/2022	291	Approval to update the current list of charities or programs for jurors who wish to donate their juror pay.

Location: Jury Assembly Plaza

Address (if applicable): 1201 Congress Houston, TX 77002

Precinct(s): Precinct 1

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name				
			Current Fiscal Year Cost	
			Annual Fiscal Cost	
			Labor	Non-Labor
			Total	Recurring Expenses

Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 04/23/2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A

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

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Attachments (if applicable): List of Charities.