



Legislation Text

File #: 25-2468, **Version:** 1

Primary Department: District Attorney

Primary Department Head/Elected Official: Sean Teare, District Attorney

Secondary Department: Choose an item.

Secondary Department Head/Elected Official:

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Financial Authorization

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Government Affairs Professionals of Texas

MWBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Grant Indirect Costs Rate (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% Grant Indirect Costs Rate (if applicable): N/A - Not a grant item

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval to pay for services in an amount not to exceed \$69,000 provided under a personal services agreement with Government Affairs Professionals of Texas for legislative, advocacy and other related services impacting operations and capabilities of the department from January 2025 - May 31, 2025.

Background and Discussion:

When DA Sean Teare took office, there were obstacles to overcome to achieve improvements. In order to quickly remove those obstacles and effectuate improvements, consultants were engaged to assist with the administration's transition and to engage offices at the local and state legislative levels. The contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Expected Impact:

The contract is a short-term contract to assist with the initial phases planned by the new District Attorney and his administration, with no expectation of immediate renewal. This contract is from January 2025 to May 2025. The limit of appropriation is \$69,000.

Alternative Options:

The vendor will not get paid for the work that they have performed.

County Strategic Plan Goal: 1. Make Harris County safer and more just.

County Strategic Plan Objective: B: Reduce criminal legal system exposure that does not advance public safety.

Justice/Safety Initiative (Goal 1): B4: Increase the jail deflection and diversion rate.

Infrastructure Initiative (Goal 2): N/A

Economy Initiative (Goal 3): N/A

Health Initiative (Goal 4): N/A

Climate/Resilience Initiative (Goal 5): N/A

Housing Initiative (Goal 6): N/A

Additional notes related to the Strategic Plan:

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expense
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Existing Budget	\$	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$
Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$
Grants - Proposed Budget (For Grants Items only)				
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	No. of Grant Years
Local Match Source - Existing Budget	\$	\$	\$	

Local Match Source - Additional	\$	\$	\$	
Grant Funds Applied for/Awa	\$	\$	\$	
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Ser	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: 4/16/2025

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): Click or tap to enter a date.

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Amiel Chen, CFO, District Attorney's Office

Attachments (if applicable): GAP Texas DAO Contract.pdf