COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145695

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DATE: 8/19/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR TWO GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT D.I.R.E.C.T. COURT PROGRAM**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider interim funding for two (2) grant funded positions for the Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department Drug Impact Rehabilitation Enhanced Comprehensive Treatment (D.I.R.E.C.T.) Court program for a period not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Specialty Courts Program Fund awards reimbursement grants to specialty courts that provide family drug court programs, drug court programs, veterans court programs, mental health court programs, or commercially sexually exploited persons court programs.

On January 28, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #144611, approved the submission of the FY 2026 D.I.R.E.C.T. Court grant application and resolution to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, seeking grant funds in the amount of $167,451.00. A Notice of Grant Award is expected in September 2025.

CJD has not yet announced its list of grant awardees for the FY 2026 grant year (September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026). The current grant funding period ends on August 31, 2025, and the program is expected to continue to receive funding. Texas conducts an RFP process to distribute these funds to county government partners, local nonprofits, and similar entities. Because Texas has already received these funds and is now allocating them to recipients, the risk of awarding interim funding is low.

FISCAL IMPACT

County funds utilized for interim funding will be reimbursed by grant funds upon award and the Court's approval of the grant contract renewal. The estimated combined cost to Tarrant County for interim funding of two (2) grant funded positions, if financing is required for a full twelve (12) weeks, is $35,115.00 in salary and fringe expenses.

Grant G0084-2026 - $35,115.00 - D.I.R.E.C.T. Grant

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