COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145697

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DATE: 8/19/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR ONE GRANT-FUNDED POSITION FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT'S MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider interim funding for one (1) grant funded position for the Tarrant County Criminal Court's Mental Health Diversion Program for a period not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Tarrant County Criminal Court's Mental Health Diversion Program is to support specialty courts as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates the essential characteristics of: 1) Family Drug Court Programs from Chapter 122 of the Texas Government Code; 2) Drug Court Programs from Chapter 123 of the Texas Government Code; 3) Veterans Court Programs from Chapter 124 of the Texas Government Code; 4) Mental Health Court Programs from Chapter 125 of the Texas Government Code; 5) Commercially Sexually Exploited Persons Court Programs from Chapter 126 of the Texas Government Code; 6) Public Safety Employees Treatment Court Programs from Chapter 129 of the Texas Government Code; or 7) Juvenile Family Drug Court Programs from Chapter 130 of the Texas Government Code.

On February 4, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #144690, approved the submission of the FY 2026 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds Grant Application in the amount of $86,000.00 and Resolution to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division to support the Tarrant County Mental Health Diversion Program.

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 Commissioners Court's approval of the grant contract renewal. The estimated combined cost to Tarrant County for interim funding of one (1) grant funded position, if financing is required for a full twelve (12) weeks, is $20,129.08 in salary and fringe expenses.

Grant G0085-2026 - $20,129.08 - Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

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