



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER _____

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DATE: 11/19/2024

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION COURT PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the acceptance of FY 2025 grant award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for the Tarrant County Mental Health Jail Diversion Court Program.

BACKGROUND

The CJD’s mission is to create and support programs that protect people from crime and reduce the number of crimes committed, and promote accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness within the criminal justice system. CJD focuses on the enhancement of Texas' capacity to prevent crime, provide service and treatment options, enforce laws, train staff and volunteers, and restore crime victims to full physical, emotional, and mental health.

The Mental Health Diversion program is a pre-trial, post-booking diversion program for mentally impaired offenders. The program offers offenders a treatment option that is judicially supervised and is designed to divert mentally impaired offenders out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate rehabilitative alternatives.

On January 23, 2024 the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142471, approved the submission of the FY 2025 grant application and resolution to the Office of the Governor’s, CJD, for the Tarrant County Mental Health Jail Diversion Court Program in the amount of \$85,000.00.

If accepted, grant funding in the amount of \$86,866.00 will be utilized for the Mental Health Diversion program to fund personnel, drug testing, training, equipment, and supplies.

The grant is effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. This is a one (1) year funding cycle.

The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed the notice of grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is for \$86,866.00. Operating subsidy and match are not required. Indirect costs were not added to the program budget.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Rand Otten
		APPROVED BY:	Robert Cone

Statement of Grant Award (SOGA)

The Statement of Grant Award is the official notice of award from the Office of the Governor (OOG). This Grant Agreement and all terms, conditions, provisions and obligations set forth herein shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns and all other State of Texas agencies and any other agencies, departments, divisions, governmental entities, public corporations, and other entities which shall be successors to each of the Parties or which shall succeed to or become obligated to perform or become bound by any of the covenants, agreements or obligations hereunder of each of the Parties hereto.

The approved project narrative and budget for this award are reflected in eGrants on the 'Narrative' and 'Budget/Details' tabs. By accepting the Grant Award in eGrants, the Grantee agrees to strictly comply with the requirements and obligations of this Grant Agreement including any and all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements. In instances where conflicting requirements apply to a Grantee, the more restrictive requirement applies.

The Grant Agreement includes the Statement of Grant Award; the OOG Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities; the Grant Application in eGrants; and the other identified documents in the Grant Application and Grant Award, including but not limited to: 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 20, Subchapter E, Division 4 of the Texas Administrative Code, and the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) developed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts; the state Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the grant application was made, and for federal funding, the Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the OOG was awarded funds; and any applicable documents referenced in the documents listed above. For grants awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice, the current applicable version of the Department of Justice Grants Financial Guide and any applicable provisions in Title 28 of the CFR apply. For grants awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), all Information Bulletins and Policies published by the FEMA Grants Program Directorate apply. The OOG reserves the right to add additional responsibilities and requirements, with or without advance notice to the Grantee.

By clicking on the 'Accept' button within the 'Accept Award' tab, the Grantee accepts the responsibility for the grant project, agrees and certifies compliance with the requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement, including all provisions incorporated herein, and agrees with the following conditions of grant funding. The grantee's funds will not be released until the grantee has satisfied the requirements of the following Condition(s) of Funding and Other Fund-Specific Requirement(s), if any, cited below:

Grant Number:	1828919	Award Amount:	\$86,866.00
Date Awarded:	10/14/2024	Grantee Cash Match:	\$0.00
Grant Period:	09/01/2024 - 08/31/2025	Grantee In Kind Match:	\$0.00
Liquidation Date:	11/29/2025	Grantee GPI:	\$0.00
Program Fund:	DC-Specialty Courts Program	Total Project Cost:	\$86,866.00
Grantee Name:	Tarrant County		
Project Title:	Mental Health Diversion Court		
Grant Manager:	Adriana Lopez		
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	DBH1UNN8U5J3		

CFDA:	N/A
Federal Awarding Agency:	N/A - State Funds
Federal Award Date:	N/A - State Funds
Federal/State Award ID Number:	2025-DC-ST-0012
Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:	\$12,000,000.00
Pass Thru Entity Name:	Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division (CJD)

**Is the Award
R&D:**

No

**Federal/State
Award
Description:**

The purpose of the program is to support specialty courts as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporate 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.