



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
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SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2025 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND TRUANCY PREVENTION GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE RECONNECTING YOUTH PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the acceptance of FY 2025 Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Program grant award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for the Reconnecting Youth Program (RYP).

BACKGROUND

On February 6, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142548, approved the submission of the FY 2025 General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs grant application and resolution to the Office of the Governor - CJD to continue funding for the RYP in the amount of \$100,000.00.

The Office of the Governor, CJD, solicits applications for projects that support juvenile justice and delinquency prevention during the state fiscal year 2025 grant cycle. The purpose of these grant funds is to support programs that prevent violence in and around school; and to improve the juvenile justice system by providing mental health services, truancy prevention and intervention through community-based and school programs.

The RYP's target population is high school youth, ages 14-19, enrolled in the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Education Program (TCJJAEP) under the mandatory and discretionary expulsion provisions. Characteristics of this population include youth at risk of dropping out of school, substance abuse, truancy, poor school performance, depression, aggression, suicidal behavior, deviant peer bonding, lack of social skills, delinquency, gang affiliation, developmental disabilities, emotional problems, and poor communication skills. The program has provided an eighteen percent (18%) overall increase in GPA, a thirty-five percent (35%) reduction in dropout rates, a fifty percent (50%) reduction in drug usage, and an eighty percent (80%) reduction in suicidal risk behaviors. Funding will allow the continuation of the RYP and support a contract for the Reconnecting Youth Facilitator.

The grant period is from September 1, 2024 through August 30, 2025.

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

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



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FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is for \$96,669.67. No grant match is required. No indirect costs allowed for this grant. No operating subsidy is needed for this grant.

The grant award funds will be deposited into account GRANT-2004 Grants Fund/G0095-2025 00G/2610115000 JJAEP/443201 State Grant Revenue.

