



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER <#CourtOrderNumber#>

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DATE: 1/28/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE DRUG IMPACT REHABILITATION ENHANCED COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT AND REACHING INDEPENDENCE THROUGH SELF-EMPOWERMENT COURT PROGRAMS

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of FY 2026 Grant Applications and Resolutions to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for the Drug Impact Rehabilitation Enhanced Comprehensive Treatment (DIRECT) Court Program and Reaching Independence Through Self-Empowerment (RISE) Court Program.

BACKGROUND

The CJD of the Governor’s Office is soliciting competitive applications for projects that support eligible specialty court programs. The purpose of the program is to support specialty courts as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates the essential characteristics of:

1. Drug Court Programs from Chapter 123 of the Texas Government Code; and
2. Commercially Sexually Exploited Persons Court Programs from Chapter 126 of the Texas Government Code.

The DIRECT Specialty Court Program has been in continuous operation since October 1, 1994. On October 1, 2015, program administration and staffing transferred from Tarrant County Court Administration to the Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD). The RISE Specialty Court Program has been in continuous operation since February 1, 2011.

If approved, Tarrant County CSCD will submit a grant application for continued funding in the amount of \$167,451.00 for the DIRECT Court and \$368,954.00 for the RISE Court for FY 2026. The term of each grant is September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed the budgets for these grant applications.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant does not require a grant match.
No indirect costs allowed for this grant.
No operating subsidy required for this grant.

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



Tarrant County
RESOLUTION

State of Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division
Drug Impact Rehabilitation Enhanced Comprehensive Treatment (DIRECT) Court

WHEREAS, The Commissioner’s Court of Tarrant County finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Tarrant County, that the Drug Impact Rehabilitation Enhanced Comprehensive Treatment (DIRECT) program be operated by the Community Supervision and Corrections Department of Tarrant County for the 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner’s Court of Tarrant County agrees to provide any applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Drug Impact Rehabilitation Enhanced Comprehensive Treatment (DIRECT) grant application; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner’s Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division funds, the Commissioner’s Court of Tarrant County assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in full.

WHEREAS, The Commissioner’s Court of Tarrant County designates Cobi Tittle, the Community Supervision and Corrections Department’s Director, to act as the grantee’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tarrant County Commissioner’s Court approves submission of the grant application for the Drug Impact Rehabilitation Enhanced Comprehensive Treatment program to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Signed by: _____
County Judge

Passed and Approved this 28th of January 2025

Grant Number: 2985211



Tarrant County
RESOLUTION

State of Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division
Reaching Independence through Self-Empowerment (RISE)

WHEREAS, The Commissioner’s Court of Tarrant County finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Tarrant County, that the Reaching Independence through Self-Empowerment (RISE) program be operated by the Community Supervision and Corrections Department of Tarrant County for the 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner’s Court of Tarrant County agrees to provide any applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Reaching Independence through Self-Empowerment grant application; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner’s Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division funds, the Commissioner’s Court of Tarrant County assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in full.

WHEREAS, The Commissioner’s Court of Tarrant County designates Cobi Tittle, the Community Supervision and Corrections Department’s Director, to act as the grantee’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tarrant County Commissioner’s Court approves submission of the grant application for the Reaching Independence through Self-Empowerment program to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Signed by: _____
County Judge

Passed and Approved this 28th of January 2025

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