



**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER <#CourtOrderNumber#>

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DATE: 2/4/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT FISCAL YEAR 2026 STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING FUNDS GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAM**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of the FY 2026 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds Grant Application and Resolution to the Office of the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division for the continuation of the Mental Health Diversion Court Program.

**BACKGROUND**

Research indicates that the jail is not the ideal place for treating and delivering services to the mentally ill; in contrast, many jails throughout the country including Tarrant County have struggled to provide care for the increasing number of mentally ill persons in their custody. The Mental Health Diversion Court program was established over twenty-two years ago to divert defendants who have a previous mental health history from incarceration to the treatment they need.

Tarrant County Criminal Courts seeks application for grant funding to continue to provide personnel for the Mental Health Diversion Court. The Office of the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division (CJD) has historically provided funding for one (1) case manager for the continuation of the Mental Health Diversion Court program.

This is a 12-month grant and is expected to start on September 1, 2025, and end on August 31, 2026.

The Budget and Risk Management Office has reviewed the budget for this grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This grant request is \$86,000.00. Indirect costs are allowed and have been added to the program budget. No match is required for this grant for FY 2026.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

### **State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Mental Health Diversion Court Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Tarrant County, that the Mental Health Diversion Court Program be operated for the 2026 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS** Commissioners Court of Tarrant County agrees to provide application matching funds for the said project by the Office of the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County designates the County Judge 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 Commissioners Court of Tarrant County) approves submission of the grant application for the Mental Health Diversion Court Program to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

*County Judge*

**Passed and approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025**

Grant Number: 1828920