COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145699

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DATE: 8/19/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE TARRANT COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOOL-BASED DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider interim funding for the continuation of the Tarrant County Juvenile Services School-Based Delinquency Program for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, solicited applications for projects that support juvenile justice and delinquency prevention during the state fiscal year 2026 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 School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program'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 will provide a fifty percent (50%) reduction in drug usage, a fifty percent (50%) increase in improved attitudes and behaviors measured by the Student Survey, eighty-five percent (85%) of youth will not penetrate further in the juvenile justice system, achieve an eighty percent (80%) daily attendance rate, and maintain an eighty-five (85%) program completion rate.

On February 4, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #144695, approved the submission of the FY 2026 continuation grant application and resolution to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program in the amount of $96,669.67.

The current grant award expires 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 the Commissioners Court's approval of the grant contract renewal. If interim financing is required for ninety (90) days, the estimated cost to Tarrant County will be $21,244.23.

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