



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 TITLE IV-E
LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT ANNUAL REVIEW TO THE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES
FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AND REIMBURSEMENT
THROUGH THE FEDERAL TITLE IV-E PROGRAM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve submission of the FY 2025 Title IV-E Legal Services Contract Annual Review to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) for continued participation and reimbursement in Contract #HHS000285100013 for reimbursement of allowable expenses related to the provision of legal services in Child Protective Services cases.

BACKGROUND

In January 1996, Tarrant County and TDFPS entered into a Title IV-E Legal Services Contract, which permitted Tarrant County to receive the maximum Federal Title IV-E reimbursement for allowable costs related to the provision of legal services for foster children. Over the years, this contract has been renewed for continued reimbursement. Most recently, on September 18, 2018, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #128547, approved a Grant Contract with TDFPS for the term of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2025.

Each year, pursuant to the terms of the Grant Contract, Tarrant County must submit to TDFPS a current budget, budget narrative, certification of continued eligibility to enter into federal contracts, and a completed risk assessment.

With approval, staff will submit the required documents as attached to TDFPS to continue receiving reimbursement for allowable expenses related to the provision of legal services in Child Protective Services cases.

The Budget and Risk Management Department and the Auditor's Office have reviewed the attached documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Commissioners Court approval will allow Tarrant County to continue receiving reimbursement from the Federal Title IV-E program for legal services provided to Child Protective Services.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Rand Otten Robert D. Cone
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