



COMMISSIONERS COURT
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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025
CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DIVISION, FOR THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT
PROGRAM AND MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION COURT
PROGRAM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submission of the FY 2025 Continuation Grant application and resolution to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, (CJD) for the Veterans Treatment Court Program and Mental Health Diversion Court Program.

BACKGROUND

The CJD's mission is to create and support programs that protect people from crime and reduce the number of crimes committed, and promote accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness within the criminal justice system. CJD focuses on the enhancement of Texas' capacity to prevent crime, provide service and treatment options, enforce laws, train staff and volunteers, and restore crime victims to full physical, emotional, and mental health.

The Veterans Treatment Court program is a diversion program for Justice-Involved Veterans (JIV) who are currently facing prosecution for one (1) or more criminal cases. The program offers offenders a treatment option that is judicially supervised and is designed to divert JIV out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate rehabilitative alternatives.

The Mental Health Diversion program is a pre-trial, post-booking diversion program for mentally impaired offenders. The program offers offenders a treatment option that is judicially supervised and is designed to divert mentally impaired offenders out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate rehabilitative alternatives.

Criminal Courts is seeking permission to request grant funding in the following amounts:

Veterans Treatment Court Program – \$150,000.00
Mental Health Diversion Court Program – \$85,000.00

The grant period is from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed the application.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Cheryl Bennett-Wright
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FISCAL IMPACT

The grant request is for a total of \$235,000.00.