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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY FOR THE IN-CUSTODY BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS DIVERSION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve FY 2024 Contract between Tarrant County and MHMR of Tarrant County for the In-Custody Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) and Youthful Offenders Diversion Alternative (YODA) Program.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, the Commissioners Court approved the creation of the In-Custody Batterers Intervention Program, which is a collaborative program between County Criminal Court No. 5, the Sheriff's Office, MHMR of Tarrant County and other key stakeholders to provide educational classes and counseling services to in-custody batterers.

The BIP aims to educate and rehabilitate individuals who commit domestic violence. The goal is to change the offender's thinking and behavior, hold them accountable, enhance victim safety, and reduce the likelihood of further violence. The main purpose of BIPs is to help batterers learn nonviolent skills.

The YODA program offers an alternative to traditional pre-trial diversion programs for family assault cases. It provides counseling and case management to young offenders aged 17-25 who have been arrested for assaulting a family member. The program is focused on identifying and building on the strengths of the defendants and helping them set goals to steer their lives away from future criminal behavior and violence.

On November 8, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139639, approved the FY 2023 Contract for the In-Custody BIP and YODA programs in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the continuation of services mentioned above. The term for this contract was October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

With approval, the FY 2024 contract will continue to provide counseling services to both programs in the amount of \$100,000.00.

The term of this contract is from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed the contract as to form.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal Courts	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Cheryl Bennett-Wright J. Gregory Shugart
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FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the FY 2024 operating budget of Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 5 in the amount of \$100,000.00 is available in account 10000-2024 General Fund / 4220500000 County Criminal Court No. 5 / 566021 MHMR.