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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2028 ACCESS AND VISITATION GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY, D/B/A TARRANT DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE PARENTING COORDINATION AND HIGH CONFLICT COACHING PROGRAMS

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the FY 2025-2028 Access and Visitation Grant Contract between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) of the State of Texas for the provision of the Parenting Coordination and High Conflict Coaching Programs.

BACKGROUND

The Access and Visitation Grant funds a portion of the Parenting Coordination and High Conflict Coaching programs provided by skilled professionals employed by Tarrant County to facilitate, coordinate, and mediate access to children between litigants in family law cases. The focus is on promoting cooperative parenting, fostering non-adversarial conflict resolutions, and maintaining each litigant's dignity. Intervention through a Parenting Coordinator early in the legal process supports parents in resolving their own disputes and effective co-parenting. These skills result in greater chances for settlements in the pending cases, less litigation over issues of access and custody, and greater access to and visitation with their children for non-custodial parents throughout the remaining childhood years.

On January 23, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142467, approved the submission of the FY 2025 Access and Visitation Grant application to the Texas Office of the Attorney General (OAG) in the amount of \$100,568.00.

On March 21, 2024, the Domestic Relations Office received notification from the OAG that Tarrant County was selected to receive the Federal FY 2025-2028 Access and Visitation grant award in the amount of \$265,200.00.

With approval of this grant agreement, the Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office will receive grant funding for each FY in the amount of \$66,300.00 for a total contract amount of \$265,200.00 for FY 2025-2028.

The grant term of the contract is October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2028.

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The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed the notice of award. The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this contract as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is for \$265,200.00 for FY 2025-2028.

This grant does require a grant match of ten percent (10%) or \$7,367.00 for each FY.

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy required for this grant.

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