



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 06/21/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TWO TO THE CONTRACT FOR
ACCESS AND VISITATION GRANT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY
AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Amendment Two to the Contract for Access and Visitation Grant between Tarrant County and the Office of the Attorney General of Texas (OAG).

BACKGROUND

On March 9, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #134961, approved the FY 2021 Access and Visitation Grant contract between Tarrant County and the OAG for continued funding in the amount of \$62,202.30, with the option to extend through FY 2023.

The grant funds a portion of the Parenting Coordination and High Conflict Coaching programs which provide skilled professionals to facilitate, coordinate and mediate access to children between litigants in a family law case. The focus is on promoting cooperative parenting, fostering non-adversarial conflict resolutions and maintaining each litigant's dignity. It is believed that intervention through a Parenting Coordinator early in the legal process helps parents learn how to resolve their own disputes and how to be effective co-parents. These skills will result in more settlements in the pending cases and less litigation over issues of access and custody throughout the remaining childhood years.

With approval of Amendment Two, the following will be amended:

1. The OAG elects to a one (1) year renewal term of the Contract, for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023. An optional extension remains for FFY 2024.
2. The maximum liability under the Contract increases to \$186,606.90. The Parties agree that the maximum liability for the renewal term, FFY 2023, is \$62,202.30.
3. The Contract amount will now be allocated by FFY (October to September). The budget year referenced throughout, including in the body, embedded tables, and in Attachment C: Access and Visitation Detailed Program Budget Report will now reflect the Federal, not State, Fiscal Year.

FISCAL IMPACT

Matching contributions (including in-kind contributions) of at least ten percent (10%) of the granted amount are required to make use of this grant. Matching contributions (including in-kind contributions) are included in the FY 2023 budget request and is in the form of a portion of the salary that Tarrant County already pays, so there is no additional fiscal impact to the County.

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