



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 10/25/2022

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 GRANT AWARD
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DIVISION FOR THE RECONNECTING YOUTH PROGRAM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept the FY 2023 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds grant from the Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the Reconnecting Youth Program to be operated by Tarrant County Juvenile Services.

BACKGROUND

The grant award will fund the Reconnecting Youth curriculum. The target population is high school youth, ages fourteen through nineteen (14-19), enrolled in the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Education Program (TCJJAEP) under the mandatory and discretionary expulsion provisions of Texas Education Code, Chapter 37.00. Characteristics of this population include youth at risk of dropping out of school, substance abuse, truancy, poor school performance, depression, aggression, suicidal behavior, deviant peer bonding, lack of social skills, delinquency, gang affiliation, developmental disabilities, emotional problems, and poor communication skills. TCJJAEP has successfully offered an evidence-based life skills curriculum for many years. This program provides an eighteen percent (18%) overall increase in GPA, thirty-five percent (35%) reduction in Dropout Rates, a sixty-two percent (62%) reduction in drug usage, and eighty percent (80%) reduction in suicidal behaviors.

The grant period is September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is \$89,946.33 and there is no requirement for match.

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