



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 02/07/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 SPECIALTY COURTS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY FAMILY DRUG COURT PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submission of the FY 2024 Specialty Courts Program Grant Application and Resolution to the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division, for the continuation of the Tarrant County Family Drug Court Program to be operated in the Family District Courts.

BACKGROUND

The Family Drug Court Program which has been in operation since November 2007, targets families who are involved with Child Protective Services and whose children (at birth) show positive toxicity for drugs. This program is implemented in collaboration with the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), Challenge of Tarrant County, Lena Pope Home, Inc., and thirty (30) other community partners.

The Family District Courts are seeking permission to request \$50,000.00 in grant funding from the Office of the Governor to continue the Tarrant County Family Drug Court Program. Funds will be used to capitalize on current community collaborations to address the recurring issue of substance abuse in cases previously resulting in the termination of parental rights. It is expected that the program will serve approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) families during the next grant period.

Budget and Risk Management Office staff have reviewed the application.

FISCAL IMPACT

The requested amount is \$50,000.00. There is no local match required for this grant.

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