



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 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 No. 3 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Access and Visitation Grant contract between Tarrant County and the OAG for continued funding of \$62,202.30 with the option to extend through FY 2023. On June 21, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138412, approved the OAG's election to exercise the second of three (3) optional one (1) year renewal terms of the Contract for FY 2023, which commenced on October 1, 2022 and will expire on September 30, 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 promoting cooperative parenting, fostering non-adversarial conflict resolutions, and maintaining each litigant's dignity. It is believed that early intervention through a Parenting Coordinator in the legal process helps parents learn how to resolve their disputes and be effective co-parents. These skills will result in more settlements in the pending cases and less litigation over access and custody issues throughout the remaining childhood years.

With the approval of Amendment No. 3, the following will occur:

1. The maximum liability under the contract increases to \$190,704.60. The Parties agree that the maximum liability for the renewal term, Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023, is \$66,300.00.
2. The contract amount will be allocated by FFY (Oct. to Sept.), subject to renewal and approval at the end of each fiscal year. The budget categories and amounts for the second renewal term of this contract are provided in Section 5.2.2, attached to this Court Communication and in Attachment C: Access and Visitation Detailed Program Budget Report.

SUBMITTED BY:	Domestic Relations	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Virginia Garcia Clint Dupew
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The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved the amendment as to form and the Tarrant County Budget and Risk Management Office is aware of amendment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Tarrant County will receive an additional \$4,097.70 in funds from the amendment due to increasing the OAG's maximum liability to Tarrant County.

The County match required will change to \$7,366.67.

The current allocated portion of the salary for the Tarrant County employee exceeds the required match amount.

No additional allocation is needed from Tarrant County for this amendment.