



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 08/29/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT ANNUAL REVIEW TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AND REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH THE FEDERAL TITLE IV-E PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve submittal of the FY 2024 Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Contract Annual Review to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) for continued participation in Contract #HHS000285000009 for reimbursement of allowable expenses related the foster care program.

BACKGROUND

Tarrant County and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) initiated a Child Welfare Board Contract effective September 1, 1969, which permitted Tarrant County to receive the maximum Federal Title IV-E reimbursement for allowable foster care expenditures. A revised contract was implemented on September 1, 1996, and has remained in effect since that date through renewal contracts. Most recently, on September 18, 2018, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #128548, approved a Grant Contract with TDFPS for the term of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2025.

Each year, pursuant to the terms of the Grant Contract, Tarrant County must submit to TDFPS a current budget, budget narrative, certification of continued eligibility to enter into federal contracts, and a completed risk assessment.

If approved, staff will submit the required documents as attached to TDFPS to continue receiving reimbursement for allowable expenses related to the foster care program.

The Budget and Risk Management Department and Auditor's Office have reviewed the certification forms.

FISCAL IMPACT

Commissioners Court approval will allow Tarrant County to continue receiving reimbursement from the Federal Title IV-E program for Child Welfare related services.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Ty Guy Helen H. Giese
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