



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 09/05/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 INTERIM FUNDING FOR THE  
VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH  
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve FY 2024 interim funding for the Veterans Treatment Court program currently funded through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

**BACKGROUND**

The CJD's mission is to create and support programs that protect people from crime and reduce the number of crimes committed, and promote accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness within the criminal justice system. CJD focuses on the enhancement of Texas' capacity to prevent crime, provide service and treatment options, enforce laws, train staff and volunteers, and restore crime victims to full physical, emotional, and mental health.

On October 18, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139460, accepted an FY 2023 grant award in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Office of the Governor to fund the Veterans Treatment Court Program.

The Veterans Treatment Court is a diversion program for Justice-Involved Veterans (JIV) who are currently facing prosecution for one (1) or more criminal cases. The program offers offenders a treatment option that is judicially supervised and is designed to divert JIV out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate rehabilitative alternatives.

The existing grant expired on August 31, 2023, and the Office of the Governor has not yet announced the awards for the next year's grant period. The program is expected to receive funding.

If approved, interim funding will be utilized to continue the Veterans Treatment Court program.

This request has been reviewed by the Budget Office and Auditor's Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If County funds are utilized, the grant will reimburse the interim funding upon the Commissioners Court approval of the grant contract renewal. If interim funding is required for ninety (90) days, the estimated cost will be as follows:

Veterans Treatment Court Program (G0012-2024/4250100000) - \$40,000.00

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