



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/03/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 INTERIM FUNDING FOR A BILINGUAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR AND THREE ADDITIONAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT OF THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FUNDED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve interim FY 2024 interim funding in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the Criminal District Attorney's Office (CDA) Victim Services Unit which is currently funded through the Intimate Partner-Family Violence Victim Advocates Grant from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

BACKGROUND

On November 15, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139698, accepted the FY 2023 Intimate Partner-Family Violence Victim Advocates Grant, in the amount of \$385,589.32, from the CJD for the CDA's Office Victim Services Unit to fund one (1) Bilingual Victim Assistance Coordinator and three (3) Victim Assistance Coordinators.

The coordinators provide comprehensive services to victims of intimate partner violence in tandem with the prosecution team. These services are provided to cases identified as high-risk and filed as misdemeanor offenses.

The existing grant expires on September 30, 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 for FY 2024.

If approved, interim funding will be utilized to continue to fund four (4) Victim Assistance Coordinators for the CDA's Victim Services Unit.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

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

CDA / Intimate Partner-Family Violence Victim Advocates (G0087-2024/4510120000) - \$90,000.00

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