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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT AWARD AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, TO SUPPORT THE TARRANT COUNTY RECONNECTING YOUTH PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept the FY 2024 General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant award and approval of resolution, in the amount of \$89,946.33, from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to support the Tarrant County Reconnecting Youth Program (RYP).

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor solicits local applications for projects that support juvenile justice and delinquency prevention during the State grant cycle. The purpose of these grant funds is to support programs that prevent violence in and around schools and improve the juvenile justice system by developing effective education, training, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs for juvenile delinquency.

The Tarrant County Reconnecting Youth Program (RYP) provides services to high school youth, ages 14-19, enrolled in the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Education Program (TCJJAEP) under the mandatory and discretionary expulsion provisions. Program participants are at risk of dropping out of school, truancy, and poor school performance. In addition, participants typically experience substance abuse issues, depression, aggression, suicidal behavior, deviant peer bonding, gang affiliation, lack of social skills, developmental disabilities, emotional problems, and poor communication skills. Historically, this program has provided an eighteen percent (18%) overall increase in GPA, a thirty- five percent (35%) reduction in dropout rates, a fifty percent (50%) reduction in substance abuse, and an eighty percent (80%) reduction in suicidal risk behaviors.

On February 7, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140227, approved the submittal of the FY 2024 General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant application to seek grant funding for the RYP Program.

Acceptance of this grant award, in the amount of \$89,946.33, will allow JJAEP to continue providing services through RYP program participants at risk of dropping out of school, truancy, and poor school performance. The term of the grant is September 1, 2023 through August 30, 2024.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Claudia J. Del Toro Castro Ty Guy
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The Budget and Risk Management and Auditor's Office have reviewed the notice of grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award amount is \$89,946.33.

The grant award funds will be deposited into account Grant-2004/G0095-2024/2610115000.

No grant match is required for this grant. No indirect costs allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy required for this grant.