



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATE DRUG COURTS-SPECIALTY COURTS PROGRAM GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY DRUG IMPACT REHABILITATION ENHANCED COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM AND REACHING INDEPENDENCE THROUGH SELF-EMPOWERMENT COURT PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept the FY 2024 State Drug Courts-Specialty Courts Program grant award from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for the Tarrant County Drug Impact Rehabilitation Enhanced Comprehensive Treatment (DIRECT) Court Program and Reaching Independence Through Self-Empowerment (RISE) Court Program.

BACKGROUND

The DIRECT Court Program is an adult drug court designed to coordinate substance abuse intervention for high-risk participants with judicial oversight through enhanced supervision, substance abuse monitoring and individual accountability, allowing participants to achieve a productive, substance-free lifestyle.

The RISE Court Program is a Specialty Court designed to identify and expedite women with extensive histories of prostitution or related offenses through the criminal justice system and help them achieve abstinence from substance abuse, mental stability, permanent housing and educational/work opportunities, and provide them with legal means to maintain a healthy, productive lifestyle.

On February 7, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140228, approved the submission of a grant application and resolution to the Office of the Governor for the DIRECT and RISE programs. Although the resolution authorizes the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) to accept the grants, the Auditor's Office has requested that a formal acceptance be submitted to the Commissioners Court.

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Section 102.056 and Texas Government Code, Section 772.006 authorize the use of state funds to support criminal justice projects including specialty courts and designate CJD as the administering agency. The source of funding is a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature from funds collected through court costs and fees. All awards are subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Texas Legislature for the 2024-2025 biennium.

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Acceptance of the grant awards will allow DIRECT and RISE Court Programs to continue providing services as mentioned above. The term of the grant awards is September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no required match for these grants. The grant awards are as follows:

DIRECT Court Program - \$143,917.00

RISE Court Program - \$338,091.00