

Grant Title/Project Name:	Family Reunification Project
Department:	District Courts
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Start Date:	9/1/2020
End Date:	8/31/2021
Please select request category:	Personnel, Service
Describe the purpose of the grant in detail to include all requirements.	<p>Approximately 70% of children will be returned to their parents after foster care. However, over 50% of these children will return to CPS custody over a 5-year period. Judge Larson and Judge Lambeth would like to request grant funding through the Office of the Governor to improve these numbers. They are requesting ability to request grant funding for a specialty court program, which would reduce recidivism of individuals involved in CPS removal cases, decrease the amount of time that children spend in substitute care and improve positive outcomes for participating families. Many of the families involved in CPS cases have substance abuse problems. Currently, the State will only provides 28 days of inpatient substance abuse treatment and no aftercare, therapeutic intervention or family coaching. The grant application will ask to use evidence and best practices in a non-advisarial, collaborative phased program that will increase the days of inpatient treatment to 60 days in Phase I. During Phase II, families will receive therapeutic interventions and during Phase III, services will be provided to transition the child back into a more healthy living environment with family coaches and connection to community supports. Partners in the project will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District and County Courts • Williamson County Attorney's Office • Texas Department of Family Protective Services (CPS) • Cenikor Austin • Starry • Fostering Hope Austin • CASA of Williamson County • Attorney Ad Litens <p>Grant funds requested will include a 50% of a Court Coordinator position (with the other 50%) of the position being requested in another Office of Governor grant request for a Felony MH docket, start-up costs for the position, healthy home coaching program materials and additional in-patient substance abuse treatment. Data will be collected to demonstrate effectiveness of the project and model documentation and development of will be completed.</p>
Select the type of grant your department is applying for:	State
What is the amount of the grant?	\$165,000.00
Please provide a breakdown of the total cost above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court Coordinator (50%) \$47,819 salary, FICA (7.65%) \$3,658, Workers Comp \$100, Retirement (14.03%) \$6,710, County Insurance \$9,132 - Total \$67,418 - 50% = \$33,709. • In-patient treatment (day rate to be negotiated) appx. \$175/day x 30 additional days = \$5,250/person x 20 individuals = \$105,000. • SCRAMS - alcohol monitoring - \$2,400. • ETG - Alcohol testing - \$750. • Drug test kits (5 and 15 panel) - \$500 • Training - \$5,000 • DIMS cloud-based case management license - \$1,800 • Computer and office supplies - \$1,500 • Desk and office furniture - \$2,000 • Home Coaching program materials - \$12,000
Is there a match requirement?	No
What is the source of the match?	
Does the grant cover the cost of the request 100%?	Yes
If not, how much is left unpaid?	
What is the plan to obtain grants/funds for the remaining amount?	
List other similar assets in the County and/or region and if they are available for use?	
How is this asset request different from any similar assets currently in the County and/or region?	
What types of events/purpose would this asset be used for that cannot be accomplished with a current County asset?	
How often do these events occur?	
Identify the number of personnel required to operate this asset and/or be available for the function where it is to be used? How much time is required of those personnel? What is the cost of the personnel?	
Where will the asset be stored?	
What is the useful life of the asset?	
Will a replacement be requested from general funds when useful life has been exhausted?	
Will other agencies be billed for the use of this asset (e.g. vendors paid, employee worked hours and paid, inventory costs etc.)?	
Does this asset require insurance coverage?	
If yes, what is the estimate of asset insurance coverage?	
Will this asset require on-going maintenance? Please describe the maintenance required along with an estimate for these costs.	
How will this asset be funded when the grant ends?	
What is the impact if the grant is not received?	
New Personnel position is:	
Where will this position office?	
Who will this position report to?	

What tasks will this position perform? Include the five primary functions and the percentage of time spent to be spent on each function.	
Will this position take over tasks from current County employee?	
If yes, please explain the impact to current employee.	
How will this position be funded when the grant ends?	
Does this position or a similar position currently exist within the department?	
If "yes" how many of these similar positions exist	
Describe any alternatives considered to achieve desired outcome in lieu of a position (i.e. equipment, software, technology or change in business practice).	
Describe how workload will be accomplished/re-allocated should grant not be approved.	
List other similar items in the County and/or region and if they available for use?	None similar
How is this item request different from any similar assets currently in the County and/or region?	New project. Nothing similar.
What types of events/purpose would this item be used for that cannot be accomplished with a current County asset?	Continue with the traditional CPS system that is not as effective and can have adverse impacts to children.
Identify the number of personnel required to operate this item and/or be available for the function where it is to be used?	50% of Court Coordinator position
Please explain how this item will create the need for more or less personnel (or mark n/a for no change)?	This position will be split with the new MH Felony docket.
Where will the item be stored?	n/a
What is the useful life of the item?	n/a
Will other agencies be billed for the use of this item (e.g. vendors paid, employee worked hours and paid, inventory costs etc.)?	
Does this item require insurance coverage?	No
Will this item require any form of licensing?	Yes
Will this item require on-going maintenance? Please describe the maintenance required along with an estimate for these costs?	No.
How will this item be funded when the grant ends?	Typically, Office of the Governor grants have continued for approximately 10 years, if the program is demonstrating effectiveness.
What is the overall budgetary impact? (i.e. revenue generation, expense reduction, etc.)	Entirely grant funded.
Please identify any additional equipment needed/required (now or in the future) should the grant/asset is awarded.	None.
What is the cost and frequency to maintain/update the additional equipment?	n/a
What is the impact of this grant application on other internal/county departments?	County Attorney is already doing CPS cases. IT has already implemented DIMS case management software in another specialty court and knows the process. It will not create a burden.
If yes, what is the estimate of that license fee?	\$1,800
If yes, what is the estimate of insurance coverage?	
Will a replacement be requested from general funds when useful life has been exhausted? (OR)	No
If yes, how much is the match amount?	
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