

Grant Title/Project Name:	Williamson County Felony Mental Health Court
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Please select request category:	Personnel
Describe the purpose of the grant in detail to include all requirements.	<p>Williamson County is requesting grant funding from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to help support the implementation of a Felony Mental Health Court, which will seek to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) reduce recidivism, 2) enhance public safety, 3) improve the quality of life of individuals with a mental illness involved in the criminal justice system, and 4) more effectively utilize government allocated funding to reduce future costs. <p>This court will help address the cyclical issue of mentally ill individuals that face felony charges, an issue that has only been exacerbated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. While the courts in Williamson County have remained open and conduct many proceedings via virtual platforms, operating in a pandemic with the current level of staffing has hampered the courts' ability to pursue meaningful alternatives for this target population. As a result, the need for the resources to support this court is significant and immediate. The court will utilize a swift identification process for qualifying participants and match them with mental health and substance abuse programs and services. Each participant will receive an individualized treatment plan utilizing risk assessments, historical data and other available tools and information to determine the risks and needs of participants. Participants will have regular contacts with case manager, providers and court/judge to ensure program compliance and promote behavioral changes that will reduce future criminal activity and incarceration. The program will use best practices, the research-based recovery model, monitoring and supervision to promote successful outcomes. Data will be collected and monitored to prove program effectiveness.</p>
Select the type of grant your department is applying for:	State
What is the amount of the grant?	\$155,892.00
Please provide a breakdown of the total cost above.	<p>Personnel Costs: \$92,382.50 (.5 FTE Court Coordinator, 1 FTE Case Manager)</p> <p>Contract and Professional Services: \$50,080 (Inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment, Mental Health Treatment and Crisis Care, Transportation Services, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Monitoring)</p> <p>Travel and Training: \$5,981.52 (Team attendance at Texas Association of Specialty Courts Training)</p> <p>Equipment: \$4,320 (FF&E for above personnel)</p>

	Supplies and Operating Expenses: \$3,128 (Office Supplies, Software Licenses)
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:	Full Time
Where will this position office?	Justice Center
Who will this position report to?	Director of District Court Administration
What tasks will this position perform? Include the five primary functions and the percentage of time spent to be spent on each function.	2 Positions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Specialty Court Administrator (<i>this position is proposed to be funded 50% through this grant and 50% through the Mental Health Specialty Court Grant, thus the percentages total to 50%</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and administer program guidelines, policies and procedures; (10%) Schedules court hearings and staffings (10%)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prepares and disseminates information on participant progress project team staffings, court proceedings and graduations; (10%) o Serves as point of contact for coordination between collaborative team members, including Court, County Attorney's Office, appointed counsel, treatment providers, and other service providers; (10%) o Coordinates with Auditor's office to prepare required grant reports, compiles statistics, monitors grant budgets and grant compliance. (10%) <p>2. Case Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provides care coordination and case management services; (20%) o Provides communication with legal stakeholders and other community service providers; (20%) o Gathers, organizes, and shares information with team to ensure coordination and continuity of care; (20%) o Works with Mental Health Court partners to ensure that participants receive appropriate psychosocial rehabilitative services to stabilize mental health symptoms, target substance use treatment needs, and reduce risk of recidivism; (20%) o Works to increase participants awareness of and participation in community supports. (20%)
Will this position take over tasks from current County employee?	Yes
If yes, please explain the impact to current employee.	<p>Currently, the Specialty Court Coordinator duties are being performed as an "additional duties as assigned" by the Office Administrator for the District Courts, diverting her attention from her primary tasks. In order for this program to function at full capacity, it is necessary to have a dedicated resource to perform the duties of Specialty Court Coordinator. Additional program support and coordination is provided by the Director of District Court Administration.</p> <p>The Case Manager duties are not currently performed.</p>
How will this position be funded when the grant ends?	We will continue to seek grant funding, however should we not receive grant funds, we would request County support.
Does this position or a similar position currently exist within the department?	No
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).	The program is unique in Williamson County and we have attempted to reduce the position request to an absolute minimum through leveraging partnerships with other team members and community entities.
Describe how workload will be accomplished/re-allocated should grant not be approved.	The status quo, program support and coordination as provided by the Office Administrator and the Director of District Court Administration will have to continue, and we will investigate the availability of other funding streams to support the program. While we are attempting to build the program at present with highly limited resources, we would be unable to expand and fully implement the program without the grant support.
List other similar items in the County and/or region and if they available for use?	
How is this item request different from any similar assets currently in the County and/or region?	
What types of events/purpose would this item be used for that cannot be accomplished with a current County asset?	

Identify the number of personnel required to operate this item and/or be available for the function where it is to be used?	
Please explain how this item will create the need for more or less personnel (or mark n/a for no change)?	
Where will the item be stored?	
What is the useful life of the item?	
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?	
Will this item require any form of licensing?	
Will this item require on-going maintenance? Please describe the maintenance required along with an estimate for these costs?	
How will this item be funded when the grant ends?	
What is the overall budgetary impact? (i.e. revenue generation, expense reduction, etc.)	N/A
Please identify any additional equipment needed/required (now or in the future) should the grant/asset is awarded.	Equipment related to added personnel (computers, office furnishings) and funds to support program operations (drug testing equipment, alcohol monitoring equipment, treatment resources etc.) will be required, and this is outlined above.
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?	There will be grant reporting requirements through the Auditor's Office, and other internal departments participating in this program include: District Attorney's Office, District Court Administration, and the 26th District Court. They are committed to working together to develop this program in order to improve the quality of life for justice-involved individuals with mental illness, all in an effort to enhance public safety in Williamson County.
If yes, what is the estimate of that license fee?	
If yes, what is the estimate of insurance coverage?	
Will a replacement be requested from general funds when useful life has been exhausted? (OR)	
If yes, how much is the match amount?	
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