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Grants Management Request Questionnaire

BackGround Information

Please note: The county's acceptance of a grant will generally form a contract and; therefore, the application for a grant must be considered and approved by the Commissioners Court prior to making such application.

DIRECTIONS

Please complete the answers to the best of your ability. If a question does not relate to your request, please mark it N/A (Not Applicable). If your answer requires further research, please mark it as N/R (Needing Research) and give an estimated date such information will be obtained. When finished, please print and upload the form to the Agenda.

Grant Title/Project Name:
Wilco Transformative Justice

Department:
Juvenile Services

Requestor:
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Start Date:
10/1/2023

End Date:
9/30/2026

Please select request category:
Service

Describe the purpose of the grant in detail to include all requirements.

Williamson County Juvenile Services on behalf of the Transformative Justice program would like to submit a grant funding request in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Bureau of Justice Assistance to support the Transformative Justice program. The funding would support three years of the TJ program (@266,666/year) and would also fund program evaluation. In the new proposal, no randomized control trial will be conducted, so that all eligible participants might be served with the program. No cash match is required by the county.

Select the type of grant your department is applying for:

Federal

What is the amount of the grant?

\$1,000,000.00

Please provide a breakdown of the total cost above.

The grant would provide for contract services in the amount of \$266,666/year for three years. Contractors would include a Program Director, Attorneys (2), and Case Managers (2). The remaining \$200,000 will be used to support a program evaluation to be conducted by the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) at Texas A&M University.

Is there a match requirement?

No

Does the grant cover the cost of the request 100%?

No

If not, how much is left unpaid?

15,000.00

What is the plan to obtain grants/funds for the remaining amount?

This unpaid amount would include expenses such as a risk and needs assessment, data management system, phones, copy machine, and travel and training expenses. The department will continue to seek grant funds to cover the cost of the program, but if unable to obtain grant funds the department believes it could absorb these costs into our current budget, if necessary.

Other Request Questions Only

List other similar items in the County and/or region and if they are available for use?

N/A

How is this item request different from any similar assets currently in the County and/or region?

N/A

What types of events/purpose would this item be used for that cannot be accomplished with a current County asset?

The program's goal is to divert and improve the lives of nonviolent offenders between the ages of 17 and 24—"emerging adults"—who have entered the criminal justice system. Piloted in 2019, this unique initiative provides an 18-month plan of individualized care and an intensive system of case management. As participants accomplish their personal development plan goals and successfully complete the program, their criminal charges are dismissed and their record of this charge is completely expunged. These young people and their children would otherwise face a pathway toward recidivism, poverty, and violence; by transforming these lives, we create a stronger and more resilient community and the county is made safer.

Identify the number of personnel required to operate this item and/or be available for the function where it is to be used?

N/A

Please explain how this item will create the need for more or less personnel (or mark n/a for no change)?

N/A

Where will the item be stored?

N/A

What is the useful life of the item?

This is three year grant.

Will a replacement be requested from general funds when useful life has been exhausted? (OR)

Yes

Does this item require insurance coverage?

No

Will this item require any form of licensing?

No

Will this item require on-going maintenance? Please describe the maintenance required along with an estimate for these costs?

N/A

How will this item be funded when the grant ends?

Demonstrated program success through the research study and cost benefit analysis, will help determine if the continuation of this program is beneficial. If the program continues beyond this grant, the department will seek out additional grant opportunities from federal, state and non-profit agencies, partner with other local agencies to help reduce costs, and may seek funding assistance through county funds.

Budgetary Impact

What is the overall budgetary impact? (i.e. revenue generation, expense reduction, etc.)

A primary goal of this program is to reduce the number of days these participants would be incarcerated, which would result in an expense reduction for the county.

Please identify any additional equipment needed/required (now or in the future) should the grant/asset is awarded.

There is no immediate need for any equipment, but there may be a need to replace laptop computers once before the end of this grant period. We do not foresee any other major equipment needs.

What is the cost and frequency to maintain/update the additional equipment?

1x @ approx \$10,000

What is the impact of this grant application on other internal/county departments?

The Transformative Justice Program is a collaboration between the District Court, the District Attorneys Office, and Juvenile Services. All three departments are in agreement with seeking these grant funds to extend this program.

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