



AGENDA ITEM

Consent Agenda

REPORT TO: Work Session (03/06/23)

REPORT TO: Voting Meeting (03/09/23)

ITEM NO: 96/2023

SUBJECT: Approve the application of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for FY 2024 Accountability Court Funding for the HELP Program to fund HELP staff, provide surveillance, counseling, drug testing, transportation and emergency housing in the amount of \$413,544.90, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. An in-kind match of \$56,392.49 is required.

Meetings:

Work Session Date: 03/06/23

Voting Meeting Date: 03/09/23

Executive Summary:

Presenter: JE

Recommendation:
Approve.

Purpose of Request:

History:

The Georgia Accountability Court Funding Committee was created in 2012 by the Georgia Legislature and by Governor Nathan Deal to provide courts with critical funding necessary to support the growth of accountability courts in Georgia to reduce prison populations, which, in turn, saves taxpayer dollars. The Hall County HELP Program grant began in 2004.

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Treatment Services is the agency umbrella encompassing all programs in our circuit. This allows for sharing of resources across programs and greatly increases our ability to provide services. Hall County absorbed some personnel associated with the HELP Program under the General Fund budget in 2007 making the program a permanent fixture. In 2022, the program experienced a 79% increase in enrollments compared to 2021. As our census grows, our need to retain staff and increase overall services is imperative. Program participants are charged a monthly fee of \$40 to help offset some operational costs. The Treatment Services budget is made up of County General Fund, DATE Funds, participant fees, drug testing lab revenue, evaluations revenue, and grant awards. When federal funding ends, we are hopeful that County Commissioners will absorb the grant-funded positions and benefits under the General Fund budget. Additional assistance comes from Friends of Recovery, a nonprofit organization formed in 2006 to support Hall County's accountability court programs.

Facts and Issues:

The HELP Program is one of (6) six accountability court programs in Hall County. Along with Substance Abuse Services and the Drug Testing Lab, the programs are organized under one agency umbrella called Treatment Services. This allows for the sharing of resources such as office space, drug testing services, community policing efforts, and personnel. We do not have individual program budgets. Rather, the Treatment Services budget is made up of participant fees, fees from our evaluations and referrals program, revenue from the lab, DATE funds, grants, and the County's General Fund. In the Hall County office, we serve over 500 participants annually. Between regular office hours, in-house counseling groups, drug testing services for the courts and our customers, etc., we operate 7 days a week. We make all of this work together to provide efficient and effective programs for the participants we serve. Our agency strives to stretch resources across all programs to best utilize each dollar awarded.

Options:

Funding Requested

\$ 56,392.49

Are funds within current budget?

No

Source of Funds

General / Grant Fund

Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.?

No

Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney?

Yes

Is there a deadline for this item?

2023-03-09

Approvals:

Submit	Approve	Grants	Budget
KM	JS	JW	EW
Finance	Attorney	Administration	Clerk
WG	WLI	CR	JR

Attachments:

Financial Supplement
Grant Narrative
Supplies
Solicitation
FY24 Grant Application - HELP



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT REPORT**

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Funds Requested: \$ 56,392.49

Request Budgeted: No

Proposed Source of Funding:

Budget Transfer Requested:

General / Grant Fund

No

Funding Source Items:

Fiscal Year	Fund	Division	Account	Amount
2024	001 - GENERAL	163 - TREATMENT SERVICES	4104 - SALARIES	\$56,392.49
2024	017 - GRANTS	759 - HALL COUNTY HELP PROGRAM	4104 - SALARIES	\$237,500.72
2024	017 - GRANTS	759 - HALL COUNTY HELP PROGRAM	4419 - TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL	\$15,360.00
2024	017 - GRANTS	759 - HALL COUNTY HELP PROGRAM	4229 - OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$46,833.00
2024	017 - GRANTS	759 - HALL COUNTY HELP PROGRAM	4331 - TRAVEL & TRAINING	\$17,996.00
2024	017 - GRANTS	759 - HALL COUNTY HELP PROGRAM	4110 - F.I.C.A.	\$18,506.55
2024	017 - GRANTS	759 - HALL COUNTY HELP PROGRAM	4121 - HEALTH INSURANCE	\$64,798.81
2024	017 - GRANTS	759 - HALL COUNTY HELP PROGRAM	4131 - RETIREMENT	\$12,549.83
2024	017 - GRANTS	759 - HALL COUNTY HELP PROGRAM	3536 - CRIM JUSTICE COORD CNCL	\$-413,544.90

Budget Transfer Items:

Additional Information/Comments:

Staff salary and benefits will be used as in-kind match.

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