



## AGENDA ITEM

### Consent Agenda

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**REPORT TO:** Work Session (03/24/25)

**REPORT TO:** Voting Meeting (03/27/25)

**ITEM NO:** 149/2025

**SUBJECT:** Approve the ratification of the application for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's (CJCC) FY 2026 Accountability Court Funding for the HELP Program to fund HELP staff, provide surveillance, counseling, and drug testing in the amount of \$493,042.00, 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 \$87,007.00 is required.

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#### Meetings:

**Work Session Date:** 03/24/25

**Voting Meeting Date:** 03/27/25

#### Executive Summary:

**Presenter:** HH

**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 2023, the program experienced a 45% increase in active census numbers and is now boasts the largest census numbers to date. 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 (5) five 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 600 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**

\$ 87,007.00

**Are funds within current budget?**

Yes

**Source of Funds**

General Fund / Multiple 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?**

**Approvals:**

<b>Grants</b>	<b>Submit</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Grants</b>
PS	BW	KM	SG
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Administration</b>
JM	TS	WLI	CR
<b>Clerk</b>			

<b>Clerk</b>
JR

**Attachments:**

- Financial Supplement
- FY26 Hall County HELP Court Application
- FY26 Hall County HELP Court Supplies



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

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**Funds Requested:** \$ 87,007.00

**Request Budgeted:** Yes

**Proposed Source of Funding:**

**Budget Transfer Requested:**

General Fund / Multiple Grant Fund

No

**Funding Source Items:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2026	100-GENERAL FUND	2160-TREATMENT SERVICES	511100-SALARIES	\$87,007.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	2163-MENTAL HEALTH COURT	511100-SALARIES	\$395,016.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	2163-MENTAL HEALTH COURT	521000-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$32,643.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	2163-MENTAL HEALTH COURT	531100-GENERAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	\$63,319.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	2163-MENTAL HEALTH COURT	523500-TRAVEL	\$2,064.00
2026	250-MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	2163-MENTAL HEALTH COURT	334110-STATE€OPERATING DIRECT	\$-493,042.00

**Budget Transfer Items:**

**Additional Information/Comments:**

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