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 Procurement/Contract Transmittal Form**

Type of contract: 1 year Multi-year Single Event Purchasing Use Only
 Contract #:

<input type="checkbox"/> Submission Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Information
Contact Name: Dana White Department: Superior Court Project Title: Rockdale County Drug Court <i>Application</i> Funding Account Number: 250-2152-531760-22 <i>10/15/24</i> Contract amount: \$50,000 <i>\$36,618</i> <i>\$4,993 match</i> Contract Type: Goods () Services (X) Labor () Contract Action: New (X) Renewal () Change Order () Original Contract Number: <i>GRANT</i>	Vendor Name: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Address: 104 Marietta Street, Suite 440, Atlanta, GA 30303 Address: Email: Shameeka.Hill@cjcc.ga.gov Phone #: 404.654.1796 Contact: Shameeka Hill Term of contract: 1/1/25 - 6/30/25

Finance Director Signature	Procurement Officer Signature
I have reviewed the attached contract, and the amount is approved for processing. <i>Michelle Syang</i> Signature: _____ Date: _____	I have reviewed the attached contract, and it is in compliance with Purchasing Policies of Rockdale County. Signature: <i>Jim Malone</i> Date: <i>10/15/24</i>

Summary: *Application*

Rockdale County Adult Drug Court, established under the Superior Court of Rockdale County in 2013, is an Accountability Court created for the purpose helping people recover from substance use disorders related to their legal involvement, thus reducing their likelihood of recidivism.

Rockdale County Adult Drug Court seeks to apply for CACJ's FY'25 Enhancement and Innovative Grant in the amount of ~~\$50,000~~ with a match of ~~\$6,818.00~~.
\$36,618 match \$4,993

Department Head/Elected Official Signature:
Nancy N. Bells

Date:
9/19/2024

2024-546

Project Description

The Rockdale County Adult Drug Court Program began in 2013. The Drug Court serves the geographic area targeted is Rockdale County, Georgia, located approximately 25 miles east of Atlanta on Interstate 20 and part of the Metropolitan Atlanta Region. Rockdale County is unique, with 34% suburban, 35% rural, and 16% urban class/land structures equally represented by blacks and whites, including significant identification with Hispanic, Asian, and East Indian cultures. As of the 2020 US Census count, the population in Rockdale County is 93,570. Despite being the 2nd smallest county in landmass, Rockdale County still ranks 11th in population density and 28th in the overall population. The county operates under a full-time chairperson with two part-time at-large commissioners. A city council, a part-time mayor, and a full-time city manager govern the city of Conyers.

Relevant characteristics of the target population include both male and female, 25% African American, 2% Hispanic, and 73% White. The estimated number of individuals served during the grant period will be 35 clients.

Needs Statement

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the demand for resources for the court's participants, and the adverse effects continue to plague the Rockdale Accountability Courts. During the ordered shut down for courts by the Chief Justice and the period following, when the programs were affected by staff and participants requiring quarantining, contact with participants via Zoom, email, texting, and phone calls. Without adequate face-to-face contact with court staff, it created an accountability gap to ensure the client's participation efforts or the level of violations escalating. While the pandemic exposed our participants' tremendous needs, it demonstrated how the program could expand with additional funding. The second deficit experienced by the court programs was the availability of participants due to the court backlogs accumulating during the court shutdown and the court process slowing dramatically. The court programs have experienced a 30% escalation of violations.

The effects of these identified issues requiring enhanced levels of services are numerous. The first need for the court programs begins with the need for enhancing drug testing capabilities with extended panels to identify the participants attempting to mask their current drug usage in all court programs. The extended panels will allow for the proper identification of positive drug tests and violators. Failure to identify and hold those masking drug usage accountable will create a viral effect amongst the population. In addition, drug testing is used to monitor clients' compliance with prescribed medications. Drug testing is a measure to ensure appropriate indication of presence or absence of a particular drug and can be useful in making clinical decisions about clients' care. Each extended panel test is \$55.89 x 35 clients = \$1,956.15 x 2x per month x 6 months = \$23,473.80. This will allow us to run at least 2 extended panel screens for 6 months for the entire population.

Identifying those with positive screens will allow the programs to meet Standard IV focused on

Sanction and Therapeutic Adjustments. But to have the capacity to adjust treatment, the program needs to be able to meet the second demand for more and enhanced treatment services. Statistics reveal that justice-involved and incarcerated individuals have significantly higher rates of mental health disorders compared to the general population. Untreated mental health issues can have serious consequences for justice-involved and incarcerated individuals. Without proper evaluation and treatment, the risk of recidivism and challenges in reintegration into society are heightened. It is essential to address these issues early on to prevent negative outcomes. Many incarcerated individuals do not receive adequate mental health treatment, leading to worsening conditions and increased recidivism rates.

Additionally, intellectual disabilities are prevalent among individuals in the criminal justice system, posing unique challenges when it comes to understanding legal proceedings and participating in their defense. Intellectual disabilities are characterized by limitations in intellectual functioning and adaptive skills, which can impact an individual's ability to comprehend complex legal concepts. When individuals with intellectual disabilities are involved in the criminal justice system, they may face significant hurdles, including a lack of appropriate accommodations and support to navigate legal proceedings. Executive dysfunction refers to difficulties in areas such as decision-making, problem-solving, and impulse control. Executive function disorders are cognitive impairments that impact an individual's ability to plan, organize, and execute tasks. These disorders can manifest in various ways, from difficulty in paying attention and staying organized to impulsivity and emotional dysregulation. One common executive function disorder is ADHD, which is characterized by symptoms such as inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. For individuals with intellectual disabilities, these challenges can be even more pronounced, especially in a prison setting where there are added stressors and triggers. By understanding the challenges related to executive dysfunction and utilizing assessment tools effectively, professionals can better support individuals with intellectual disabilities in navigating the maze of the legal system. Individuals with executive function disorders may struggle to effectively communicate with their legal counsel, understand the charges against them, or participate cohesively in competency evaluations. The challenges posed by executive dysfunction can often be misunderstood or overlooked, leading to inaccurate assessments of an individual's competency. Moreover, individuals with untreated executive dysfunction may face challenges in adhering to conditions of release or engaging in appropriate rehabilitative programming, increasing their risk of reoffending. This cycle perpetuates the link between mental health and incarceration, highlighting the need for targeted interventions and support for individuals with executive function disorders.

One of the first steps in addressing mental health in court involved individuals would be through executive functioning, cognitive and reading screenings which would help providers and court staff understand the specific needs of court-involved and incarcerated individuals, allowing for tailored treatment plans and interventions. By following a structured approach to evaluating cognitive, academic and executive functioning needs, taking into account both intellectual and mental health factors, we can ensure that justice-involved individuals receive the support and accommodations they need to navigate the legal system effectively.

By conducting appropriate screening tests, professionals can ensure that individuals with intellectual disabilities receive the support and accommodations they need to navigate the legal system effectively. This test provides valuable information that can guide decision-making and help safeguard the rights of individuals with cognitive, academic and/or mental health disabilities in the criminal justice system. There are several assessment tools available to evaluate executive function skills in individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence, Second Edition (WASI-II) is a widely used assessment tool for measuring cognitive ability in individuals aged 6- 90 years old. It consists of four subtests that measure verbal comprehension, perceptual reasoning, working memory, and

processing speed. The WASI-II provides reliable and valid results in a short amount of time, making it an efficient tool for clinicians to use in assessing intelligence. The scores obtained from the subtests can be used to identify intellectual strengths and weaknesses, aid in diagnosing learning disabilities, and assist in making educational and clinical decisions. Overall, the WASI-II is a valuable and practical instrument for assessing cognitive abilities across a wide age range.

The Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function (BRIEF) adult version is commonly used to assess executive functioning skills and identify areas of weakness. The Delis Kaplan Executive Function System (D-KEFS) is another valuable tool that helps assess cognitive abilities and executive function skills. Other assessment tools, such as the Mini Mental Status Exam and the Rey Osterrieth Complex Figure, can also provide valuable insights into an individual's cognitive abilities.

Clinical Interview – 90min \$145

Administration – 120min \$195

Scoring – 60min \$95

Interpretation & Summary \$195

Subtotal: \$630

Court Discount \$500 per person x 5 individuals = \$2,500.00

The third need is for enhanced levels of transportation services. Due to clients being unable to receive a limited permit or have a full license and the increased demand for additional treatment services, it requires more participants and trips, necessitating transportation services. Due to one of our client's citizenship status, he will never be able to get a license. In addition, one of our clients was declared an habitual violator once he entered our program; therefore, he will not be eligible for a limited permit for at least 2 years. The court cannot allow this to continue as an excuse and ensure it meets Standard VI to provide complementary social services. Failure to provide this service at the appropriate level will allow for excuses as to why they have violations associated with attending testing and treatment sessions. In addition, this may allow the participants the potential justification for not testing and creating an environment for their thought process to believe they can continue drug usage. In order to reduce lack of transportation as an excuse for failing to attend appointments for testing and treatment, providing electric bikes, scooters and safety gear is appropriate. Each electric scooter is \$699.00 + \$100.00 safety gear x 6 individuals = \$4,794.00.

The fourth need is the need to track clients' in community support meetings easier. The app will reduce the use of paper and loss of documentation. Clients' attendance at community support meetings will be saved in the app as well as available to the Coordinator and Case Manager in real time. The Stampz app makes documentation easier to enter into the case management system, is inexpensive and cost effective. The cost of the app is \$5 per client, per month x 35 clients x 6 months = \$1,050.00.

The final need is for enhanced curfew monitoring for our clients. Smart watches will assist surveillance officers with monitoring clients who are on curfew. The watches will ensure clients don't leave home after curfew checks have been made. This increases accountability and program fidelity. The rate per day is \$8.00 per day x 60 days (length of curfew) x 10 clients = \$4,800.00.

Project Goals

The current capacity of the courts' program does not allow for the capability to meet the required levels of consistent services and programming to meet the new demands presented by continued effects from COVID-19, growth in court population, participants enduring co-occurring diagnoses, trauma, and transportation demands. This inability prevents coordinators and judges from having all the relevant information regarding progress, violations, or barriers to participants' recovery.

Goals

- Increase the level of each court to hold participants at a higher level of accountability based on changing variables presented.
- Increase capacity of participants' long-term recovery resulting in success integration into society with a lower recidivism rate.
- To meet the additional demands for programs and participants.

Measurable Objectives

By June 2025, the initiative will begin offering expanded and enhanced programs with evidence-based practices:

- The initiative will expand the number of drug tests and enhanced testing with increased number of available panels with an additional 420 tests.
- The initiative will expand enhanced evidence-based treatment practices to all participants including specialized testing.
- Expand curfew checks.
- Provide an enhanced level of transportation services with additional modes of transportation including electric bikes, scooters and safety gear.
- Assist programs with identification or providing additional services demanded by continued barriers.

Measurable Outcomes

- Increased number of complimentary services provided
- Decreased number of program violations and sanctions
- Increased number of incentives
- Increased graduation rates
- Decreased recidivism rates

Project Activities and Services

- Coordination with testing facility to discuss additional levels of testing for medication compliance and potential masking agents in determining enhanced panels for testing.
- Coordination with treatment providers to discuss and determine potential treatment services

to address co-occurring, and trauma induced clients.

- Additional accountability measures in place for client monitoring while in the community.
- Coordinate with transportation services as well as purchase electric bikes, scooters and safety gear for additional needs for service.
- Assist programs with identification or providing additional services demanded by potential barriers.
- Collect data for the sustainability purposes.

Resources Needed

Resources to provide stated goals and objectives include the following:

- 10 Smart watches over a six-month period.
- Stampz app for 35 clients over a six month period.
Ability to provide 5 individuals with Specialty IQ testing.
- 420 enhanced drug tests with extended panels over a six-month period.
- 6 complementary electric scooters/bikes over a six-month period.

Please see the cost breakdown in the needs statement.

FY25 Budget Detail Request Worksheet

Court Name

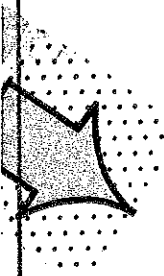
Budget Worksheet Category	Line Item	Total Requested
Personnel		\$0
Contract Services	Pilot Smart Watches 4,800.00 Specialty IQ Testing 2,500.00 Stampz 1,050.00	\$8,350
Drug Testing Supplies	Specialty Drug Testing 23,473.80	\$23,474
Supplies /Other Costs		\$0
Equipment		\$0
In State Training and Travel		
Transportation Funding E Bikes, Scooters, Safety Gear	4,794.00	\$4,794
Total Budget Request:		\$36,618

Match:

\$4,993

IF awarded, match will come from "Other" (Drug Testing + Treatment)

The Rockdale County Board of Commissioners hereby approves request to pursue said application for Drug Court grant for Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC).



Rockdale County, Georgia

By: _____ Date
Osborn Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman

Attest:

Jennifer Rutledge, Executive Director/
County Clerk