

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Fort Bend County, Texas

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November 15, 2023

County Judge KP George Fort Bend County Commissioners

Re: Expenditure of Pretrial Intervention Reimbursement Fee

Dear Commissioner Court:

The Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office ("FBCDAO") administers multiple pretrial intervention programs. Pursuant to Article 102.0121 (a) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the FBCDAO collects a reimbursement fee to reimburse the county for expenses, including expenses of the FBCDAO, related to a defendant's participation in a pretrial intervention program.

The pretrial intervention program participants pay the reimbursement fee as a condition of their participation in the intervention program. In accordance with Article 102.0121 (c), the reimbursement fee is deposited in the county treasury in a special fund used solely to administer the pretrial intervention program. The reimbursement fees collected for pretrial intervention programs can only expended on the pretrial intervention program including salaries.

Pretrial intervention program participants are supervised by a probation officer. Probation officers monitor the program participants to make sure participants successfully complete all conditions of the pretrial intervention program. Participants who do not successfully complete the pretrial intervention program, are returned to court for prosecution.

Beginning January 2024, the FBCDAO will launch a pretrial intervention program targeting emerging adults between 18 and 25 years of age. There is a need for an additional probation officer to support the new program.

In compliance with Article 102.0121, I have agreed to pay the salary of a new probation officer for the new emerging-adult pretrial intervention program from the pretrial intervention fund account. The new probation officer will be supervised by the Fort Bend County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Middleton