



County of Fort Bend, Texas

Grant Intent to Apply Form

Name of Grant: Mental Health Court: Key to Success		
Purpose of Grant: The goal of the MMHC is to reduce recidivism; improve connections to services and improve		
Department/Division: Behavioral Health Services		
Point of Contact: M. Connie Almeida, Ph.D.		Phone Number: (281) 238-3079
Announcement Date: 12/14/20	Commissioners Court: 2/9/21	Submission Deadline: 2/11/21

**Pre-Application Considerations:**

1) Financial

i) Financial Breakdown (First-year applicants, please provide best estimates.)

Grant Funding Request:	\$80,575.25	
<b>Match</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source</b>
Cash:	\$0.00	
In-kind:	0	
Program Income:	0	
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$80,575.25</b>	

ii) Staffing Requirements (including salary and benefits increases for multi-year grants, number of personnel and brief description of duties. If this a first-year application, please provide best estimates.)

Personnel  
 Counselor and/or Therapist (licensed), current BHS staff, who will provide 20% of her time which totals \$22,605.63 of her current funded salary. Current salary with fringe benefits \$82, 830.96 + 7.65% (Payroll taxes)=\$6,336.57 + 12.33% (Retirement)=\$10,213.06 + 1% (WC/Unemployment) = \$828.31+ 2.8% (Property Casualty/Liability) =\$2,319.27+ Health Insurance \$10,500 totaling \$113, 028.17.  
  
 Counselor and/or Therapist (non-licensed) Peer Support Specialist to work with those individuals who are experiencing substance abuse. This position will be a part- time position and the individual hired will work no more than 29 hrs per week at an hourly rate of\$19.23 per hour=\$557.67 X 34 wks= \$18,960.78 + fringe (Payroll taxes) @ 7.65%=\$ 1,450.50 + (Retirement) @12.33% =\$2,337.86 +

iii) Operational Needs (i.e., office space, equipment, IT needs, etc.)

No additional operational needs are necessary. Office space and IT needs will be provided by BHS.

iv) Grant Financial History (Two-year history if available. Please write N/A for first-year applications.)

N/A

v) Sustainability Plan (continuation for grant-funded program if grant funding is reduced or terminated)

The requested funding will support the enhancement of the Misdemeanor Mental Health Courts (MMHC) by increasing timely mental health and substance abuse assessments, mental health and substance abuse treatment, peer support recovery services, housing, transportation and employment supports. Through our experience, we have recognized the increased complexity of cases including the CMISA, the lack of transitional services and supports, lack available housing, the lack of employment and community supports, and the lack of trauma focused services. These additional

## 2) Programmatic

i) Alignment with department/program's plans and priorities

This grant aligns with the mission, vision, and goals of Behavioral Health Services. Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services works to increase awareness, services and supports to address the complex needs of persons with behavioral health disorders involved in the legal system or at risk of involvement. BHS collaboratively works with the courts, criminal justice, other county departments, behavioral health providers and community organizations to develop needed services to support at risk individuals with behavioral health disorders. Our goals are to foster resiliency, reduce recidivism,

ii) Department's capacity to administer the financial and administrative aspects of the grant

BHS has the capacity to administer the financial and administrative aspects of the grant.  
Grant is administered by Dr. Almeida; reporting is done by BHS staff with oversight by Dr. Almeida; financial transactions are handled by Administrative Coordinator and auditor's office. Grant support is provided by BHS Project Specialist.

iii) Prior year performance data and accomplishments (Please write N/A for first-year applications.)

N/A