



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager
Court Date: February 3, 2025
RE: Adult Probation
FY 2065 Specialty Adult Drug Court Grant Application
Galveston County HOPE Adult Drug Court

BACKGROUND

In April of 2012, Galveston County established an Adult Drug Court utilizing funding from the Specialty Court Grant Program administered by the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor. The goal of the Galveston County Adult Drug Court is to reduce recidivism, improve public safety, reduce costs associated with incarceration and re-arrest and allow the substance abusing offender to return as a productive and successful member of their family workplace and the community.

The Galveston County program, entitled HOPE (Helping Ourselves with Positive Efforts), is designed to use the authority of the Court to enhance motivation for treatment as a cost-effective way to reduce drug use and criminal behavior in non-violent offenders. Judge John Ellisor presides over the Adult Drug Court for Galveston County.

SUMMARY

Attached is the FY 2026 Specialty Court Grant Application for the Galveston County Adult Drug Court Program. The grant covers the salary of two personnel within the Adult Probation Department, travel/training as well as equipment /supplies and contract services for drug testing and treatment.



APPLICATION FINANCIAL SUMMARY

County Contribution	\$0.00
Grant Application	<u>\$200,747.09</u>
Total Program Cost	\$200,747.09

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court to consider approval to submit the FY 2026 Specialty Court Grant application and authorize the County Judge to sign the required Grant Resolution.

DOCUMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

- FY 2026 Adult Drug Court Supporting Resolution