



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court  
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager  
Court Date: February 3, 2025  
RE: Mental Health Court  
FY 2026 Specialty Court – Mental Health Grant Application

**BACKGROUND**

Galveston County initiated the Mental Health Court in January of 2021, which was later enhanced utilizing funding from the Specialty Court Grant Program from the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office – Criminal Justice Division. The mission of the Galveston County Mental Health Court is to improve the quality of life for people with mental illness charged with crimes and make more effective use of the community's limited criminal justice and mental health resources.

**SUMMARY**

After the FY 2026 Mental Health Court grant application was placed on the Commissioners Court agenda for review and approval to submit, the program Judge determined a program evaluation would be needed in 2026. This additional contract cost changed the overall grant request amount, which necessitates ratification of the Court.

Attached is the amended FY 2026 Specialty Courts Grant Application for the Galveston County Mental Health Court Program. The grant covers the salary for personnel, travel/training as well as equipment /supplies and contract services for clients and the addition of the program evaluation.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	ORIGINAL APP	AMENDED APP
County Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant Application	<u>\$261,689.62</u>	<u>\$299,951.21</u>
Total Program Cost	\$261,689.62	\$299,951.21

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Professional Services requests the Court to consider ratification of submission of the amended FY 2026 Specialty Court – Mental Health Court grant application.

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THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON

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DOCUMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

None