



Memorandum

To: Galveston County Commissioners Court
From: Grant Administration Department
Court Date: February 2, 2026
Subject: FY 2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program – "HOPE" Drug Court Project Application

Background

Galveston County established an Adult Drug Court in April 2012 with support from the Specialty Courts Grant Program administered by the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor. The program's purpose is to reduce recidivism, improve public safety, lower incarceration and re-arrest costs, and support participants in returning as productive members of their families, workplaces, and communities.

The program, HOPE (Helping Ourselves with Positive Efforts), uses the authority of the Court to strengthen participant motivation for treatment. This approach provides a cost-effective pathway to reduce drug use and criminal behavior among non-violent offenders. Judge John Ellis presides over the Galveston County "HOPE" Drug Court.

Summary

The FY 2027 Specialty Courts Program - "HOPE" Drug Court project application requests funding to continue supporting project operations, including personnel costs, travel and training, administrative supplies, and contracted services for drug testing and clinical assessments.

Financial Summary

County Contribution:	\$ 0.00
Grant Application:	<u>\$189,620.79</u>
Total Project Cost:	<u>\$189,620.79</u>

Recommendations

Grant Administration requests that the Court approve the submission of the FY 2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program application for the "HOPE" Drug Court project and authorize the County Judge to execute the accompanying resolution.

Documents for Wet Signature

FY 2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program – "HOPE" Drug Court Project Resolution