



## MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court  
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager  
Court Date: September 15, 2025  
RE: Professional Services  
Approval for payroll gap coverage regarding grant-funded personnel

### BACKGROUND

Each year, Galveston County receives funding through the Office of the Governor's grant programs. A portion of those grants were set to begin September 1<sup>st</sup> and funded positions in multiple departments. The other portion are set to begin October 1<sup>st</sup>. With the recent Special Sessions, the Office of the Governor states their FY 2026 awards will be delayed for an estimated six to eight weeks.

Of the applications submitted for FY 2026, staff anticipates awards for the following grants, some of which will require gap-funding to cover personnel costs until the awards are accepted and grants are activated.

- Specialty Court - HOPE Adult Drug Court
- Specialty Court - Mental Health Court
- VOCA - Victims Assistance Coordinator and Outreach Project
- VAWA - Violence Against Women Prosecutor
- UASI - Community Preparedness
- UASI - Regional Planner
- Project Safe Neighborhood
- Operation Lone Star
- Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant
- Criminal Justice - Underwater Crime Scene Investigations

### SUMMARY

Personnel gap funding will be needed for the following grants beginning September 1, 2025 through October 31st:

- Specialty Court - HOPE Adult Drug Court - \$25,208
- Specialty Court - Mental Health Court - \$31,439



- VAWA – Violence Against Women Prosecutor - \$46,027
- Operation Lone Star – OVERTIME - \$30,938

**TOTAL \$133,612**

Personnel gap funding will be necessary for the following grants beginning October 1, 2025 through November 30th:

- VOCA – Victims Assistance Coordinator and Outreach Project - \$24,837
- Project Safe Neighborhood – OVERTIME - \$6,667

**TOTAL \$31,504**

NOTE: This request only pertains to personnel costs and does not include costs associated with contractual, travel/training, equipment or supplies.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Gap Request	\$196,620.00
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### RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court consider approval to cover personnel gap costs for the FY 2026 Office of the Governor's grant programs for up to eight weeks beyond the grant period of performance start date.