

Item 3



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: 12/28/2012, 9:00 AM, Voting Session

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Leslie Browder, County Executive Planning and Budget

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

Review and approve requests regarding grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. Revise Memorandum of Understanding for Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program managed by the Counseling & Education Services department to clarify the role of the Civil District Courts in the program

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Item A is a minor revision to the memorandum of understanding between all the partners of the Safe Havens grant to clarify the role of the Civil District Courts. Please see departmental memo for details.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

PBO recommends approval.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Additional information is provided on the item's grant summary sheet.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There are no match requirements for this grant.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Planning and Budget Office
County Judge's Office

Leslie Browder
Melissa Velasquez

GRANT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PERMISSIONS TO CONTINUE
FY 2013

The following list represents those actions required by the Commissioners Court for departments to apply for, accept, or continue to operate grant programs. This regular agenda item contains this summary sheet, as well as backup material that is attached for clarification.

Dept.	Grant Title	Grant Period	Grant Award	County Cost Share	County Contribution	In-Kind Contribution	Program Total	FTEs	PBO Notes	Auditor's Assessment	Page #
A 40	Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange program*	10/1/10-9/30/13	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	-	R	MC	6

* Amended from original.

PBO Notes:

R - PBO recommends approval.

NR - PBO does not recommend approval

D - PBO recommends item be discussed.

County Auditor's Complexity Assessment measuring Impact to their Office's Resources/Workload

S - Simple

MC - Moderately Complex

C - Complex

EC - Extremely Complex

**FY 2013 Grant Summary Report
Grant Applications approved by Commissioners Court**

The following is a list of grants for which application has been submitted since October 1, 2012, and the notification of award has not yet been received.

Dept	Name of Grant	Grant Term	Grant Award	County Cost Share	County Contribution	In-Kind Contribution	Program Total	FTEs	Approval Date
117	Southeast Travis County Historical Survey	10/01/12 - 09/30/14	\$7,500	\$0	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$15,000	-	10/30/2012
119	Underage Drinking Prevention Program	10/01/13 - 09/30/14	\$161,204	\$0	\$35,951	\$55,000	\$252,155	3.00	11/6/2012
124	Formula Grant- Indigent Defense Grants Program	10/01/12 - 09/30/13	\$441,998	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$441,998	-	11/27/2012
145	Juvenile probation Pre-Doctoral Psychology Internship Program	7/1/13- 6/30/14	\$34,306	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,306	-	12/4/2012
			\$645,008	\$0	\$41,951	\$56,500	\$743,459	3.00	

*Amended from original agreement.

**FY 2013 Grant Summary Report
Grants Approved by Commissioners Court**

The following is a list of grants that have been received by Travis County since October 1, 2012

Dept	Name of Grant	Grant Term	Grant Award	County Cost Share	County Contribution	In-Kind Contribution	Program Total	FTEs	Approval Date
145	Travis County Eagle Resource Project	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$29,930	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,930	-	10/2/2012
145	Trama Informed Assessment and Response Program	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$192,666	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$192,666	0.50	10/2/2012
137	Sheriff's Office Command and Support Vessel*	9/1/12- 3/31/13	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	-	10/16/2012
139	Travis County Adult Probation DWI Court	9/1/2012- 8/31/2013	\$229,112	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$229,112	4.00	10/16/2012
147	Emergency Management Performance Grant	10/01/11 - 03/31/13	\$71,221	\$71,221	\$0	\$0	\$142,442	-	10/16/2012
119	Family Violence Protection Team*	10/1/2010 - 03/31/2012	\$699,507	\$168,239	\$0	\$0	\$867,746	4.50	10/23/2012
122	Family Drug Treatment Court	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$137,388	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$137,388	1.00	10/23/2012
145	Drug Court & In-Home Family Services	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$66,428	\$7,381	\$0	\$0	\$73,809	0.09	10/23/2012
158	Comprehensive Energy Assistance Grant*	01/01/12 - 12/31/12	\$4,546,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,546,172	-	10/23/2012
158	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization Program	04/01/12 - 03/31/13	\$817,334	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$817,334	-	10/23/2012
124	Travis County Veterans' Court	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$186,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$186,000	2.00	10/30/2012
142	Drug Diversion Court	09/01/12 - 08/31/12	\$132,585	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$132,585	1.00	10/30/2012
158	Parenting in Recovery II	09/30/12 - 09/29/13	\$500,000	\$0	\$214,286	\$0	\$714,286	2.00	11/6/2012
158	Targeted Low Income Weatherization Program (TLIWP)	10/01/12 - 12/31/12	\$42,061	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,061	-	11/6/2012
158	Seniors and Volunteers for Childhood Immunization (SVCJ)	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$8,845	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,845	0.14	11/20/2012
158	Coming of age (DADS)	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$24,484	\$24,484	\$0	\$0	\$48,968	-	11/20/2012

Dept	Name of Grant	Grant Term	Grant Award	County Cost Share	County Contribution	In-Kind Contribution	Program Total	FTEs	Approval Date
158	DOE Weatherization Program	04/01/12 - 03/31/13	\$60,471	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,471	-	11/20/2012
158	Atmos Energy Share the Warmth	11/01/12 - 10/31/13	\$13,188	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,188	-	11/20/2012
139	Travis County Adult Probation DWI Court	09/30/12 - 09/29/13	\$206,515	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$206,515	2.85	11/27/2012
137	State Criminal Alien Assistance Program- SCAAP 12	07/01/10 - 06/30/11	\$492,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$492,999	-	11/27/2012
147	"Remembering When" Scholarship	12/02/12 - 11/01/13	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	-	11/27/2012
158	Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)*	1/1/12- 12/31/12	\$4,546,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,546,172	4.00	12/4/2012
145	National School Lunch/Breakfast Program*	7/1/12- 6/30/13	\$217,219	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$217,219	-	12/4/2012
158	Title IV-E Child Welfare Services	10/01/12 - 09/30/13	\$36,488	\$81,190	\$0	\$0	\$117,678	-	12/11/2012
137	2012 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	10/01/12 - 09/30/15	\$86,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$86,000	-	12/18/2012
158	2012 Phase 30 Emergency Food and Shelter Program	04/01/12 - 03/31/13	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	-	12/18/2012
			\$13,621,785	\$352,515	\$214,286	\$0	\$14,188,586	22.08	

*Amended from original agreement.

FY 2013 Grants Summary Report

Permission to Continue

Dept	Name of Grant	Grant Term per Application	Amount requested for PTC			Filled FIEs	PTC Expiration Date	Cm. Ct. PTC Approval Date	Cm. Ct. Contract Approval Date	Has the General Fund been Reimbursed?
			Personnel Cost	Operating Transfer	Total Request					
137	Child Abuse Victim Services Personnel**	9/1/12-8/31/13	\$8,920	\$0	\$8,920	1.00	10/31/2012	8/14/2012	N/A	Yes
119	Family Violence Accelerated Prosecution Program	9/1/12-8/31/13	\$12,620	\$0	\$12,620	1.00	10/31/2012	8/21/2012	N/A	Yes
122	Family Drug Treatment Court	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$10,922	\$0	\$10,922	1.00	10/31/2012	8/28/2012	N/A	No
124	Travis County Veterans Court	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$25,630	\$0	\$25,630	2.00	10/31/2012	8/28/2012	N/A	Yes
142	Drug Diversion Court	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$10,144	\$0	\$10,144	1.00	10/31/2012	8/28/2012	N/A	Yes
145	Juvenile Accountability Block Grant- Local Assessment Center	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$13,747	\$0	\$13,747	1.00	11/30/2012	8/28/2012	N/A	Yes
145	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program	10/01/12 - 09/30/13	\$15,046	\$0	\$15,046	1.00	12/31/2012	8/28/2012	N/A	Yes
158	Parenting in Recovery (PIR) FY 12	09/30/12 - 09/29/13	\$94,630	\$0	\$94,630	-	12/31/2012	9/25/2012	N/A	No
158	Parenting in Recovery (PIR) FY 13	09/30/12 - 09/29/13	\$84,756	\$0	\$84,756	-	12/31/2012	10/2/2012	N/A	No
Totals			\$276,415	\$0	\$276,415	8.00				

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TRAVIS COUNTY FY 13 GRANT SUMMARY SHEET

Check One:	Application Approval: <input type="checkbox"/>	Permission to Continue: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Contract Approval: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Status Report: <input type="checkbox"/>
Check One:	Original: <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Check One:	New Grant: <input type="checkbox"/>	Continuation Grant: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Department/Division:	Travis County Counseling and Education Services	
Contact Person/Title:	Caryl Colburn, Counseling and Education Services Director	
Phone Number:	854-4618	

Grant Title:	OVW FY2010 Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program		
Grant Period:	From: <input type="text" value="October 1, 2010"/>	To: <input type="text" value="September 30, 2013"/>	
Fund Source:	Federal: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State: <input type="checkbox"/>	Local: <input type="checkbox"/>
Grantor:	U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women		
Will County provide grant funds to a sub-recipient?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the grant funds pass-through from another agency? If yes, list originating agency below.	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Originating Grantor:			

Budget Categories	Grant Funds	County Cost Share	Budgeted County Contribution #595010 (Cash Match)	In-Kind	TOTAL
Personnel:	\$ 10,872	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,872
Operating:	\$ 389,128	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 389,128
Capital Equipment:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect Costs:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Totals:	\$ 400,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 400,000
FTEs:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Permission to Continue Information					
Funding Source (Cost Center)	Personnel Cost	Operating Cost	Estimated Total	Filled FTE	PTC Expiration Date
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00	

Department	Review	Staff Initials	Comments
County Auditor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JM	
County Attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JC	

Performance Measures					
#	Measure	Actual FY 11 Measure	Projected FY 12 Measure	Projected FY 13 Measure	Projected FY 14 Measure
+ - Applicable Departmental Measures					
1.	To Sub-contract with SafePlace for a Co-Director of the Safe Havens Grant	Completed	On-going	On-going	On-going
2.	To identify & secure a building location that meets the safety & occupation standards established by the Planning Committee.	Completed	On-going	On-going	On-going
3.	Monthly Consulting Committee Meetings	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going
+ - Measures for the Grant					
1.	To reach underserved clients who cannot afford services.	Planning	Planning/Completed	Implementation	Implementation
Outcome Impact Description					
2.	To reach clients who self-identify as needed services without court intervention.	Planning	Planning	Implementation	Implementation
Outcome Impact Description					
3.	To reach the 43% of households who speak English "less than very well.	Planning	Planning	Implementation	Implementation
Outcome Impact Description					

PBO Recommendation:

This item is a minor revision to the existing memorandum of understanding between all partners in the Safe Havens grant program. The revision is to clarify the role of the Civil District Courts. This grant has no match requirement. PBO recommends approval.

1. Brief Narrative - Summary of Grant: What is the goal of the program? How does the grant fit into the current activities of the department? Is the grant starting a new program, or is it enhancing an existing one?

The goal of the FY2010 U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program is to provide supervised visitation and safe exchange of children by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking while also protecting children and adult victims from further trauma and violence.

FY2010 funding will permit the County to enhance the existing Safe Havens FY2008 grant by increasing collaboration with other community agencies to create a center that is comprehensive, responsive, affordable, and accessible. The target population is families who have determined, through the courts or independently, that a third party is needed to supervise visitation or facilitate an exchange. Travis County intends to reach underserved clients who cannot afford services; who self-identify as needed services without court intervention; and the 43% of households who speak English "less than very well."

This focus on family violence fits in well with the current activities of the Counseling & Education Services department which provides family violence assessments for the Travis County Courts at Law and is an active member of the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force. This grant will increase community collaboration through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with relevant community partners to plan and develop an effective and responsive supervised visitation and safe exchange center. The MOU reflects the membership of the Collaboration Team which includes the Travis County Attorney's Office, Travis County Counseling and Education Services, Travis County Sheriff's Office, SafePlace, Domestic Relations Office, Austin Police Department Victim Services, and Family Court Judges. The goal of the program is to create an accessible, affordable, and sustainable supervised visitation and exchange center for families who require services that are responsive to and educated about family violence issues. The grant fits into the current activities of the department as Travis County does not have a centralized supervised visitation and exchange center. The Kids Exchange Network is a consortium of private providers that are expensive and are not experts in family violence issues. This grant is a continuation of our FY2008 Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

2. Departmental Resource Commitment: What are the long term County funding requirements of the grant?

The grant award is \$400,000 over a three year period. The Grant Summary Sheet shows the funding for the first year with all of the subcontractor, SafePlace, funds under "Operating." The Safe Havens Consulting Committee will be working on long term funding sustainability through FY13 and FY14.

3. County Commitment to the Grant: Is a county match required? If so, how does the department propose to fund the grant match? Please explain.

There is no financial match required of Travis County for this grant.

4. Does the grant program have an indirect cost allocation, in accordance with the grant rules? If not, please explain why not.

There is no indirect cost allocation required of Travis County for this grant.

5. County Commitment to the Program Upon Termination of the Grant: Will the program end upon termination of the grant funding: Yes or No? If No, what is the proposed funding mechanism: (1) Request additional funding or (2) Use departmental resources. If (2), provide details about what internal resources are to be provided and what other programs will be discontinued as a result.

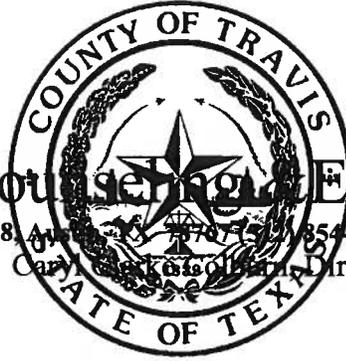
The program will continue in the event the grant funding is discontinued. The future funding mechanism will be determined as part of the implementation phase and will most likely include (1) requesting additional funding in FY2015 and (2) the Safe Havens Consulting Committee will be developing a sustainability plan for PlanetSafe to include other funding sources.

6. If this is a new program, please provide information why the County should expand into this area.

This is not a new program.

7. Please explain how this program will affect your current operations. Please tie the performance measures for this program back to the critical performance measures for your department or office.

The grant fits in well with the mission of the Counseling and Education Services (CES) department. Promoting public safety is one of the critical elements of our mission, as well as, working to decrease the amount of family violence in Travis County by providing comprehensive assessment recommendations for appropriate intervention. CES will have increase persormance measures in the development of programs aimed at decreasing domestic violence in Travis County.



Travis County Counseling & Education Services

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Caryl Colburn, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: KATIE PETERSEN GIPSON, PLANNING AND BUDGET ANALYST
FROM: CARYL COLBURN, CES DIRECTOR
THROUGH: ROGER JEFFERIES, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY EXECUTIVE MANAGER
SUBJECT: REVISED MOU FOR FY10 SAFE HAVENS GRANT
DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2012
CC: GRETTA GARDNER, SAFE HAVENS GRANT DIRECTOR

A request is being made to the Travis County Commissioners Court to approve a revision to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the FY10 Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program by the Counseling & Education Services department who administers the grant for Travis County. The revision is at the request of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). There is no match required from Travis County on this grant.

We have completed the first phase of our FY10 Safe Havens grant that Travis County received from OVW. This is the final step prior to the second phase of the grant – implementation. All of our deliverables have been approved by OVW, except for receipt of the signed and approved revised MOU. OVW has already approved the revised verbiage. Once OVW receives this MOU they will release our funding and we can open the center, PlanetSafe, located at 1101 Nueces Street.

The initial MOU was approved by the Commissioners Court on March 9, 2010 as a mandatory part of the grant application, Its intent is to greatly increase collaboration with and among relevant community partners who also make up the Consulting Committee. A revision was also requested by OVW and approved by the Commissioners Court in February of 2012 when we added several partners to the Consulting Committee and the location of the new supervised visitation center (1101 Nueces) was approved, as well as, SafePlace as the administrator of the center, PlanetSafe.

This current revision requested by OVW was to add language to the MOU about the Travis County Civil District Courts involvement in the collaboration under Section III. Roles and Responsibilities. The Civil District Courts will be the primary referral source and therefore an important part of PlanetSafe. The revised language does not change the scope of the MOU; it only highlights the courts involvement as a required partner. Judge Lora Livingston, the representative of the court, has approved the language. Jim Connolly, Assistant County Attorney, has also approved the language.

Therefore, staff is seeking approval for the attached revised MOU for the FY10 Safe Havens Grant. Please feel free to give me a call if you would like any more information – 44618.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Travis County
and
Travis County Counseling & Education Services
and
Travis County Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Survival Center, d/b/a SafePlace
and
Travis County Civil District Courts
and
Travis County Attorney's Office
and
Travis County Domestic Relations Office
and
Travis County Health & Human Services and Veterans Services
and
Travis County Sheriff's Office
and
Travis County Constable – Precinct 5
and
Austin Police Department
and
Life Anew
and
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.
and
The University of Texas School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic**

Travis County, Travis County Counseling & Education Services, SafePlace, Travis County Civil District Courts, Travis County Attorney's Office, Travis County Domestic Relations Office, Travis County Health & Human Services and Veterans Services, Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Austin Police Department, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, and the University of Texas School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for purposes of furthering our collaborative relationship and joint delivery of developing and implementing activities under the FY 2010 Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program. The time period covered by this MOU is October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2013. These entities are members of the Consulting Committee for this project as described below.

I. Collaborative History and Services Provided

Travis County is the local unit of government applying for this grant.

Travis County Counseling & Education Services (TCCES) is the designated county agency to provide oversight and compliance review on behalf of Travis County. TCCES

provides services for adults and juveniles referred from the justice system and other community agencies. It offers alcohol/drug and family violence assessments, case management and referrals to intervention and prevention programs. TCCES has been involved in funding services for victims, including domestic violence victims, for the past twenty years.

SafePlace exists to end sexual and domestic violence through safety, healing and prevention for individuals, families and our community. SafePlace offers a wide range of service to victims of domestic and sexual violence and the Austin/Travis County community as a whole. These include: a 24-hour crisis hotline; 105-bed emergency shelter; 48 transitional housing units; legal advocacy; case management; hospital accompaniment and support to recent rape victims; specialized services for youth and persons with disabilities; community education; and training, among other services. SafePlace is uniquely qualified to provide services as the vendor/sub-recipient of the Safe Havens Grant.

Travis County Civil District Courts govern the civil trial courts that hear and decide family law cases. The Courts routinely hear applications for family violence protective orders, as well as divorce and parent-child lawsuits in which evidence of family violence is present.

Travis County Attorney's Office (TCAO) assists victims of family violence in obtaining two- year protective orders against their abusers. As part of this process, TCAO routinely advocates for safe, supervised exchanges and visitations through agencies trained in monitoring and facilitating child visitations. The TCAO does this by obtaining a Court order requiring that all exchanges and visits between the parties occur in a safe environment.

Travis County Domestic Relations Office (DRO) is the regulatory agency for the Kids Exchange Network in Travis County pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Travis County District Courts. DRO also performs custody evaluations when appointed as *Guardian ad litem* by the District Courts.

Travis County Health & Human Services & Veterans Services (HHS) strives to optimize self-sufficiency for families and individuals in safe and healthy communities. HHS works to achieve these goals by providing services either directly or through private and not for profit agencies. They direct their efforts towards a broad spectrum of goals including the prevention of homelessness, domestic violence, communicable diseases and injuries from falls. Other services include: management of the county's rural transportation program, emergency assistance for basic household needs, home weatherization, services for the deaf and hard of hearing, veterans services, and agricultural extension services. HHS maintains significant community alliances and partnerships with diverse health and human service organizations.

Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) was created in 1840 to prevent crime and keep the community safe. TCSO is the primary law enforcement agency for Travis County. TCSO Victim Services Unit provides services to individuals affected by crime and crisis circumstances in an effort to reduce the impact of trauma and enhance the ability of individuals to rebuild their lives. Individuals receive crisis intervention, assistance with exercising constitutional and/or statutory rights, assistance with safety planning, assistance with Crime Victim Compensation applications, referrals to community agencies, educational and emotional support throughout the criminal justice process, continuity of services between department agencies, and the therapeutic services of the Community Response Team when there is a critical incident or a crime that involves multiple victims or survivors.

Travis County Constable Precinct 5 executes civil process and criminal warrants. Constables are well trained to work with cases involving sexual abuse, domestic violence, and child custody issues. Constables also offer accompaniment for kick out orders through protective orders.

Austin Police Department Family Violence Protection Team (FVPT) is a collaborative, community response to family violence that provides multiple services at one location. They improve access to law enforcement, counseling, crisis management and legal services for survivors of family violence and their children. FVPT has been in place since 1997 and has three components: investigative, legal, and social services. The Austin Police Department is the primary law enforcement agencies within Austin's city limits.

Life Anew, Inc. began in March 2009 as a batterer intervention and prevention program to provide services that promote safety for victims of violent crimes. It is a 52-week program for those who have an assault charge, specifically domestic violence. The ManAlive curriculum is offered exclusively in Texas by Life Anew, Inc.

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. (TRLA) is a non-profit organization that provides free legal services to low-income residents of Southwest Texas. TRLA has three projects that address violence against women. The Bi-National Project on Family Violence represents low-income survivors of family violence in cases that involve complex cross border issues. The Domestic Violence & Family Law team provides high quality legal services to victims of domestic violence. The Sexual Assault Legal Assistance Network collaborates with domestic violence, sexual assault shelters, and rape crisis center to ensure timely, appropriate, and comprehensive legal services for the safety and security of victims of non-intimate partner sexual assault.

The University of Texas School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic provides law students the opportunity to represent victims of domestic violence with a variety of civil legal problems including custody, divorce, visitation, housing, consumer, public assistance and procurement of protective orders.

The Consulting Committee meets monthly to design and analyze the core elements of developing and executing a new supervised visitation and safe exchange center; give policy direction to the grant staff; and attend national trainings sponsored by OVW. The agencies represented by the Consulting Committee will be referral sources for supervised visitation and safe exchange.

All Consulting Committee members have been historically involved in collaborative efforts related to responding to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, child abuse and stalking in Travis County. For example, the Family Violence Protection Team (FVPT) includes: the Austin Police Department; SafePlace; Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Travis County Attorney's Office; Travis County Sheriff's Office; Texas Advocacy Project; and the Travis County District Attorney's Office. FVPT offers integrated services that enable survivors of domestic violence in Austin/Travis County to access legal and supportive services without having to visit several different agencies. Central purposes of this collaboration include ongoing coordination of services among member agencies to ensure a skillful and compassionate response to victims, and effective investigation and prosecution of offenders. The FVPT was created by the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force (FVTF) in 1997.

Established in 1989, the FVTF includes the FVPT organizations, as well as the Domestic Relations Office, Travis County Counseling & Education Services, county, municipal and district courts, The University of Texas at Austin's Domestic Violence Clinic, and other entities. The FVTF created various innovations and best practices that enhance services for domestic violence victims, among which are: establishing the foundation for the coordinated community response to domestic violence, which led to the creation of a dedicated domestic violence county court; mandatory arrest policies; direct filing of family violence assault charges by law enforcement; and local standards for batterers' intervention programs, which has continued to coordinate across systems to ensure batterer compliance. Many of the FVTF members are also members of the Community Action Network's Victim Services Task Force, which is the official planning body for victim services issues in Austin/Travis County, and produces informational documents to raise awareness in the community.

II. Development of the FY 2010 Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Application to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

All of the aforementioned agencies are committed to creating and implementing a comprehensive, responsive, affordable, and accessible supervised visitation and safe exchange center in Travis County. Members of the planning team have contributed to this application in monthly meetings since December 2008. This application is representative of the collective, collaborative planning and resources shared during our monthly meetings. SafePlace and project staff wrote the 2010 Safe Havens grant application, with the shared vision and input of planning partners.

III. Roles and Responsibilities

Travis County is the grantee and will be the fiscal manager for the duration of this grant. Travis County will provide the use of 1101 Nueces Street for the purposes of supervised visitation and safe exchange as indicated in the grant for a monthly rent of ten dollars. Travis County will provide custodial and maintenance support for the building in ordinary course.

The Director of TCCES will supervise the Safe Havens Grant Director. The Safe Havens Grant Director will provide oversight of grant activities by facilitating consulting committee meetings, assuring progress reports are filed in a timely manner, approving vendor invoices, acting as the liaison with OVW and its designated technical assistance provider for the County, and overseeing compliance matters and deliverables.

SafePlace will subcontract with Travis County to provide services for supervised visitation and safe exchange. This includes, but is not limited to, hiring and training staff; managing the daily operations of the center; and complying with the timelines, goals, and objectives as outlined in this grant.

Travis County Civil District Courts will continue to be represented by the Honorable Lora Livingston, Local Administrative Judge, or a judge appointed by Judge Livingston as her designee, on the Consulting Committee and will be a primary referral source for supervised visitation and safe exchange. The representative will be a steward of PlanetSafe with other members of the court and the community at large. The court partner will attend national trainings and may provide local training on the legal system and its role in working with victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and stalking to promote victim safety and offender accountability.

All aforementioned agencies will continue to have representatives on the Consulting Committee.

The Consulting Committee will meet monthly to provide input, direction, and guidance to the work of the supervised visitation and safe exchange center.

Consulting Committee members are stewards of the supervised visitation and safe exchange center in the community.

All agency representatives will continue to update the Committee and project staff on trends in family violence within Travis County, and other relevant matters.

Consulting Committee members agree to attend trainings and conferences sponsored by OVW as needed.

V. Resources

Travis County will donate the time of Caryl Colburn, Director of TCCES, in her role supervising the Safe Havens Grant Director.

Each organization participating in the MOU will allocate sufficient resources in their own budgets to cover the costs of participating in the planning and implementation endeavors outlined in this application. Additionally each organization will allocate sufficient time to accommodate ongoing collaboration and communication throughout the grant period.

All Consulting Committee representatives will explore resources available within their agencies to contribute to the implementation phase of the project (e.g., furnishings, equipment, etc.).

SafePlace's subcontract under this MOU will be in the amount of \$372,461 for the thirty-six month period from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2013. This monetary subcontract is subject to the approval of Travis County's application to the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice.

Beyond the subcontract funds, TCCES will contribute product dissemination, meeting, and conference call costs related to the project.

Any of the signing agencies to this MOU may modify or exit this MOU within 30 days via written notice to Travis County.

We, the undersigned, approve the proposed project activities and budget as outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding for the FY 2010 Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Exchange Grant Program.

Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County Judge

Date

Caryl Colburn
Caryl Colburn
Director
Travis County Counseling & Education Services

12-13-12
Date

Julia Spann
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Executive Director
SafePlace

12-17-2012
Date

Lora Livingston
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Travis County Civil District Courts

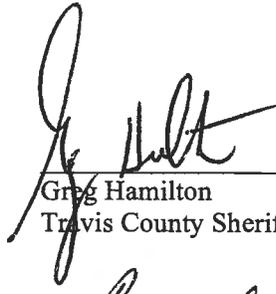
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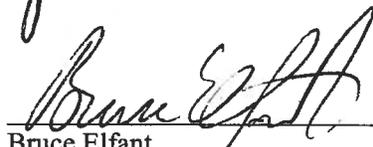
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Travis County Health & Human Services
and Veterans Services

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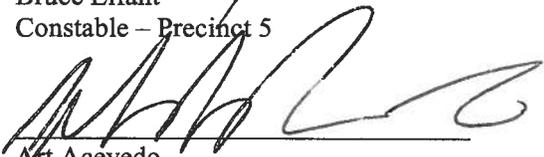
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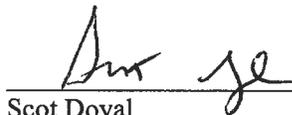
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Constable - Precinct 5

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Chief of Police
Austin Police Department

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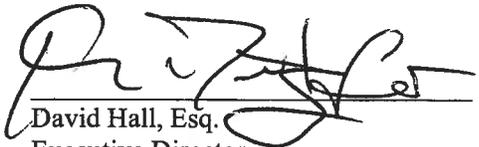
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Travis County Domestic Relations Office

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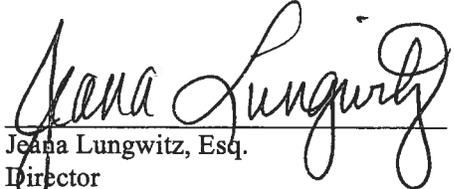
Kim Conley Patton
Executive Director
Life Anew

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David Hall, Esq.
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Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Inc.,

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Jeana Lungwitz, Esq.
Director
University of Texas School of Law
Domestic Violence Clinic

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