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DISTRICT 87

To: All County Officials
From: Representative Garnet F. Coleman and Representative Four Price
Date: Nov. 3, 2017
Re: **Funding Opportunities Established in 85th Legislative Session**

During the 85th Legislative Session, Chairman Coleman and Chairman Price were successful in advocating for funds to be appropriated to aid counties. Below is a list of grants that will be available and instructions on how to apply or receive more information. Given the great need for services throughout Texas, we encourage all counties that are eligible to apply for these significant funding opportunities.

Community Mental Health Grant Program

This program provides matching grants for mental health services in support of community mental health programs providing services and treatment to individuals experiencing mental illness. This legislation removed prior population barriers for counties to apply. We encourage all counties to consider applying. (Created by House Bill 13.)

Submission Deadline:

- Needs and Capacity Assessment Deadline: **Nov. 13, 2017, 5 p.m. Central Time**
- Needs and Capacity Assessment for Hurricane-Affected Areas: **Nov. 29, 2017, 5 p.m. Central Time.**
- Request for Application (RFA) for New Providers Deadline: **Jan. 5, 2017, 5 p.m. Central Time.**
Hurricane-Affected Areas Deadline: **Feb. 2, 2017, 5 p.m. Central Time.** Both deadlines are approximate and subject to change based on when the RFA is released.
 - RFAs are tentatively scheduled to be posted on the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) website by **Dec. 1, 2017**. That application can be found at <http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/> when released.

More Information: For more information, please contact Lauren Lacefield-Lewis, Deputy Associate Commissioner for Behavioral Health Services at HHSC. She can be reached at: (512) 206-5145 or Lauren.Lacefieldlewis@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals

This program aims to reduce recidivism rates, arrests, and incarceration among individuals with mental illness, and to reduce the wait time for forensic commitments. A community collaborative, which includes a county, a Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) operating in the county, and each hospital district located in the county, if any, may petition HHSC for a grant. (Created by Senate Bill 292.)

Submission Deadline:

- Needs and Capacity Assessment Deadline: **Nov. 15, 2017, 5 p.m. Central Time**
- Needs and Capacity Assessment for Hurricane-Affected Areas: **Dec. 1, 2017, 5 p.m. Central Time**

More Information: HHSC will provide more information to local mental health authorities, local behavior health authorities, organizations representing county governments and other stakeholders. For more information, please contact Lauren Lacefield-Lewis, Deputy Associate Commissioner for Behavioral Health Services at HHSC. She can be reached at: (512) 206-5145 or Lauren.Lacefieldlewis@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) Grants

The TCJS will administer this program to assist counties that operate a jail that has 96 beds or fewer to assist with the installation of equipment such as electronic sensors, cameras, or tele-medicine to meet the Sept. 1, 2020, deadline for complying with the provisions of Senate Bill 1849. The TCJS will conduct a survey in October 2017 to assist counties in determining the compliance requirements and will provide a copy to the county judge and sheriff. Counties in the process of installing such equipment must retain all documentation to apply for reimbursement.

More Information: By **Dec. 1, 2017**, the Commission will provide additional information on the program and how to submit for reimbursement or apply for funding to install the required equipment. For more information please contact Brandon Wood, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards at (512)-463-8236 or Brandon.Wood@tcjs.state.tx.us.

It is our hope that these opportunities will help to aid your communities and provide needed relief for those who you represent. Please contact either of our offices if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Chair Garnet Coleman
Texas House Committee on County Affairs



Chair Four Price
Texas House Committee on Public Health