

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: _____

Meeting Date: 01/08/2024

Submitted By: County Judge's Office

Department: _____

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

<p>Court Decision: This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</p>
 <p>January 8, 2024</p>

Description:

Discuss Senate Bill 22, Including Possible Action to Authorize Eligible Offices to Apply for Grant and Discussion of use of Grant Funds

Motion to:

Authorize County Judge to Apply for Grant on Behalf of the Sheriff

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: _____

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) PUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: _____ minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

Action Item Consent Workshop Executive Other _____

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

County Attorney IT Purchasing Auditor

Personnel Public Works Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

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Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

A new law provides financial assistance to prosecutors' offices in eligible rural counties to ensure professional law enforcement and legal representation throughout the state (Senate Bill [SB] 22, 88R). The [Rural Law Enforcement Grant](#) program can help provide salary supplements to specific employees and funds to hire new staff.

Authorized Users

An approved representative must apply on behalf of a prosecutor's office. For county offices, the user must be the county judge, county attorney or their designee. For the district attorney's office, criminal district attorney's office, or county and district attorney's office - the user must be the prosecutor or their designee. We encourage you to [submit the contact information](#) for your approved representative as soon as you are able.

Eligibility and Funding Amounts

Financial assistance is available for counties with populations of 300,000 or less. Funding amounts vary from \$100,000 to \$275,000 depending on population.

Application and Deadline

Eligible counties may apply for grant funds beginning Jan. 1, 2024, regardless of a particular county's fiscal year start-date. The electronic application will be available on the Comptroller's office website beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Applications must be received by Jan. 31, 2024. In future years, counties will apply according to the start of their fiscal years.

If a county's fiscal year has already begun before receiving grant funds, the Comptroller's office will allow "backfilling" funds spent by the county during fiscal 2024 for eligible salary increases or purchases of vehicles and safety equipment.

For any additional questions or concerns, please visit the Comptroller's office [SB 22 webpage](#) or contact the Data Analysis and Transparency Division at 844-519-5672 or SB22.Grants@cpa.texas.gov.

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