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Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health Announces \$1.4 Million Opportunity for Counties to Strengthen Mental Health and Justice System Coordination

TEXAS — The Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH) is launching **Cohort Two of its Court Liaison Pilot Program**, offering a new funding opportunity to help counties better coordinate between the justice system and behavioral health services.

Backed by a **\$1.4 million legislative appropriation**, the program will support five counties in implementing a full-time Court Liaison to improve outcomes, increase efficiency, and better leverage local and state resources.

Selected counties will receive:

- Up to **\$165,000** over two years
- Potential step-down funding in years three and four
- Technical assistance and data support from JCMH

The Court Liaison serves as a central connector across courts, jails, behavioral health providers, attorneys, and community partners. The role is designed to support more timely case processing, reduce unnecessary jail stays, and strengthen access to treatment and services.

“This program represents a strategic investment in smarter, more coordinated systems,” stated Justice Jane Bland, Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, and Chair of the JCMH. “Through the first cohort, we’ve seen how Court Liaisons can strengthen communication and drive more effective responses, ultimately leading to better outcomes for communities and individuals.”

JCMH is seeking counties that demonstrate strong desire to drive system improvements through judicial leadership, a commitment to collaboration across agencies, and the capacity to collect data through a newly created data portal.

Applications are due June 1, 2026, and selected counties will be notified on or about June 30, 2026.

Counties interested in applying can access the application here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLPP2026>