

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR 2300 Bloomdale Road • Suite 3100 McKinney, Texas 75071 (972) 548-4731 • Metro (972) 424-1460 Fax (972) 548-4696

To: Commissioners Court

From: Linda Riggs, County Auditor

Date: January 30, 2019

Re: Juvenile Probation Grant – Application

This is a request to apply for a grant through CJD for <u>County Innovations to Prevent Commercial Sexual</u> <u>Exploitation</u> grant and authorize the County Judge to certify the application. The release date to apply is January 6, 2020 with the grant due date being January 14, 2020. The grant application has not been reviewed by the grant review committee due to the short time frame. Estimated grant funds in the amount of \$602,610.42 with no county match required.

The program will look to identify victims and potential victims of trafficking which has become a nationwide epidemic. Children, especially those with histories of runaway, truancy, expulsion, sexting or electronic transmission of certain material depicting minors, etc., and those involved in foster-care are exponentially more likely to be trafficked than other similar youth. Grant includes funding for 3 new positions with 1 computer setup as well as safe house placement, medical expenses, clothing and training for staff.