



**COLLIN
COUNTY**

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To: County Judge and Commissioners Court

From: Russell Schaffner, Deputy County Administrator

Date: December 9, 2024

Re: Professional Services Agreement between Collin County and the Collin County
Alternative Dispute Resolution Program

Administrative Services would like to request Commissioners Court approval to grant an exemption from the bidding process and enter into a Professional Services agreement between Collin County and the Collin County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (CCADRP).

Collin County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (CCADRP) is a non-profit organization that supports the community by offering low cost mediations to resolve disputes between parties. CCADRP will match cases with experienced attorney/mediators based on the type and level of case. Mediation is more cost effective and quicker than going to court and is a flexible process that can be used to settle disputes in a whole range of situations.

Collin County Commissioners Court is authorized to establish an alternative dispute resolution system and to contract with a private non-profit corporation, a political subdivision, a public corporation, or a combination of these entities to administer an alternative dispute resolution system under Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, Sec. 152.002.

The alternative dispute resolution system helps the Collin County Courts by providing mediation services for family law and civil cases and help reduce court caseloads.

This contract is funded out of a portion of the local filing fee assessed when a case is filed. The fee is currently being collected, but since we do not have an eligible mediation program, the funds have to be surrendered to the State.