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Office of Dispute Resolution

MEMO

TO: Judge Curtis Parrish

CC: Commissioner Mike Dalby, Precinct 1; Commissioner Jason Corley, Precinct 2;
Commissioner Cary Shaw, Precinct 3; Commissioner Jordan Rackler, Precinct 4

FROM: D. Gene Valentini, Director

DATE: December 23, 2025

RE: 01-12-2026 Agenda Item: Consider and approve Form FSA-338 "Request for
Obligation of Funds" for FY2026 USDA Certified Mediation Program Grant

Form FSA-338 is for the full FY2026 USDA Certified Mediation Program Grant in the amount of \$154,626.09. Match is provided principally by mediators, staff, and co-sponsorship of the Huffaker Agricultural Law Symposium at Texas Tech University with the State Bar of Texas. The Certified Mediation Program Team in Washington, D.C. advised us that additional funding may be requested in March 2026, if needed.

Currently, 43 states receive direct funding to provide mediation services. The Office of Dispute Resolution has provided this service for Texas since Governor Bush's appointment in 2000. Additionally, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Sid Miller has declared that Texans who utilize TDA services and/or live in rural counties and municipalities are eligible to use our services.

The Lubbock County District Attorney's Civil Division has the original Form FSA-338.