

# Texas Dispute Resolution System™

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Office of Dispute Resolution

## MEMO

**TO:** Judge Curtis Parrish

**CC:** Commissioner Terence Kovar, Precinct 1; Commissioner Jason Corley, Precinct 2;  
Commissioner Gilbert Flores, Precinct 3; Commissioner Chad Seay, Precinct 4

**FROM:** D. Gene Valentini, Director

**DATE:** December 6, 2021

**RE:** 12-13-2021 Agenda Item: Continuing Resolution 1 for FY22 Funding - Consider and approve Form FSA-338 "Request for Obligation of Funds" for USDA Certified Mediation Program Grant

Form FSA-338 is for FY22 Continuing Resolution (CR) 1. This CR is for \$0 of new grant funds, but authorizes using our FY21 carryover of \$154,344.52 to FY22. Match is provided principally by mediators, staff, and co-sponsorship of the Agricultural Law seminar at Texas Tech University with the State Bar of Texas.

Currently, 42 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. Recently, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Sid Miller declared that users of TDA services are now eligible to use our services.

Neal Burt has the original Form FSA-338.