

# Texas Dispute Resolution System™

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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:** January 29, 2026

**RE:** 02-09-2026 Agenda Item: Consider and approve a grant application to the Office of the Governor for providing mediation services for Juvenile Diversion, including a resolution supporting the application.

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The Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) is requesting approval to submit an application to the Governor's Office for the FY2027 Juvenile Justice and Youth Diversion Grant Program. ODR has provided mediation services for this population for many years, mostly by order from the Justice Courts. This funding would be for the continuation of paying stipends to mediators for their services. In addition to referrals from the Lubbock County Justice Courts, School Districts, Municipal Courts, and Justice Courts within the South Plains Association of Governments region will be eligible for services. The amount requested is \$11,000 with no match requirement.