



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 11/21/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY, THE CITY OF FORT WORTH
AND THE CITY OF ARLINGTON RELATED TO THE FISCAL
YEAR 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
FORMULA PROGRAM GRANT AWARD**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tarrant County, the City of Fort Worth and the City of Arlington related to the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula (JAG) Program Grant award.

BACKGROUND

Under the FY 2023 JAG Program Grant, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has awarded a total of \$598,089.00 to be distributed to Tarrant County and the Cities of Fort Worth and Arlington. The City of Fort Worth serves as the fiscal agent for the grant and is responsible for distribution of the funds per the MOU.

With approval, Tarrant County will be funded \$157,755.00 from the total FY 2023 JAG Program Grant award for use in the Tarrant County Mental Health Law Enforcement Liaison Program managed by My Health My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMRTC). The goal of the Law Liaison Program is to enhance coordination between law enforcement and mental health agencies to prevent the incarceration of persons with mental impairments and encourage participation in treatment services. Services provided through the program include specialized training of law enforcement officers, coordination among mental health service providers, health and wellness checks, and advocacy.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this MOU as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County will receive a total of \$157,755.00, which will be used to continue support for the Tarrant County Mental Health Law Enforcement Liaison Program operated by MHMR.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Holly Webb
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