



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO FUND THREE TARRANT COUNTY  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE  
PROJECTS**

### **COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve three (3) Tarrant County Information Technology (IT) Steering Committee Projects.

### **BACKGROUND**

The requested projects from the IT Steering Committee are the following:

The acquisition of a Meal Management program for Juvenile Services,  
The implementation of an upgraded Mental Health Alert System within TechShare Court,  
The transition of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) to TechShare.

The current meal program management is labor and time-intensive. It is performed manually and includes recording meals, inventory, counts and reporting. An automated solution is needed to replace the manual process and support state reporting. Juvenile Services requested IT to procure a solution to support managing meals provided to juveniles under custody. Following analysis and with the assistance of Purchasing, IT has determined that private sector vendors can meet the requirements of Juvenile Services. The estimated cost of this project is \$60,000.00.

The primary objective of the Mental Health Alert System Replacement is to develop a comprehensive and integrated software solution within the existing TechShare Suite that ensures Tarrant County's compliance with the Criminal Code of Procedures (CCP) 16.22. Article 16.22 of the CCP prescribes the procedures for early identification of individuals suspected of having a mental illness or intellectual disability. The County Courts Administration requested the implementation of an upgraded Mental Health Alert System within the current TechShare Court system. The estimated cost of this project is \$172,500.00.

The PSA is an evidence-based, pretrial risk assessment tool developed by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. The PSA estimates the likelihood that people will appear in court and remain arrest-free while on pretrial release. It uses nine (9) risk factors to predict three (3) pretrial outcomes: Failure to Appear (FTA), New Criminal Arrest (NCA), and New Violent Criminal Arrest (NVCA). The Criminal Courts Administration has requested that the Public Safety Assessment from Noble be transitioned into a fully functioning PSA tool within the TechShare environment. Following analysis, IT has determined that TechShare LGC can provide the functionality required by the Criminal Courts Administration. The estimated cost for this project is \$185,040.00 with \$150,000.00 being funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance Failure to Appear grant funds.

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Since 2013, Tarrant County has been a participant in the Master Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Participation in the Texas Conference of Urban Counties TechShare Program.

On November 20, 2018, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #129038, approved the creation of and participation in TechShare LGC.

On April 24, 2024, the Tarrant County IT Steering Committee recommended that these three (3) projects move to an Active state, pending Commissioners Court approval of the funding of the projects.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Public Safety Assessment (PSA) of \$185,040.00 is funded as follows:

45400-2024/1810220000/54000 - \$185,040.00

As a sub-recipient through Sub-Contract with Community Resources for Justice Inc. per CO#140588 dated 03/28/2023 reimburses Tarrant County up to \$150,000.00 for the PSA

Mental Health Alert System 45400-2024/1810220000/540000 - \$172,500.00

Meal Management Program for Juvenile Services 454-2024-1810220000/540000 - \$60,000.00

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