



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 11/21/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2023
EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Sheriff's Office Fiscal Year 2023 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification.

BACKGROUND

Through the Federal Equitable Sharing Program, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Treasury distribute a share of forfeited property and proceeds to state and local law enforcement agencies that directly participate in an investigation or prosecution resulting in a federal forfeiture. As a participant, each law enforcement agency must complete the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification, obtain the signature of the Governing Body Head, and remit the certification to the DOJ. The certification includes funds received during the fiscal year, how funds were spent, and any remaining funds in the agency's account.

The Auditor's Office reviewed the attached Fiscal Year 2023 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification prepared by the Sheriff's Office. Upon completion of the certification, the Sheriff must obtain the signature of the Governing Body Head, i.e., the County Judge, and submit to the Department of Justice within sixty (60) days after the close of the County's fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no negative fiscal impact associated with this item.

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