



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 06/18/2024

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 VETERANS
TREATMENT COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE TARRANT
COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve submit the FY 2024 Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the Tarrant County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) program.

BACKGROUND

The VTC Discretionary Grant Program provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to plan, implement, and enhance the operations of VTC, including service coordination, participant service and supervision coordination, fidelity to the VTC model, and recovery support services.

The Veterans Treatment Court is a diversion program for Justice Involved Veterans (JIV) who are currently facing prosecution for one or more criminal cases. The program offers offenders a treatment option that is judicially supervised. It is designed to divert JIV out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate rehabilitative alternatives. Once the JIV has been screened, assessed and approved for participation in the program, he/she will promptly begin a treatment regimen that is specific to his/her needs.

With approval, Tarrant County VTC will be submitting an electronic grant application to seek funding in the amount of \$800,000.00 for the four (4) year grant term under Category 2 - Enhancement, to continue to providing services to JIV participants in the VTC.

The grant period is from October 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal Courts	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Cheryl Bennett-Wright James Shugart
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