



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 03/19/2024

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND
RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE
GRANT YEAR 2024 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT
PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE ELECTION SECURITY PROJECT**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve submission of the Grant application and resolution to the Office of the Governor for the Grant Year (GY) 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program to support the Election Security Project.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor is responsible for coordinating homeland security initiatives such as the UASI Grant Program. The UASI is awarded to states and urban areas to enhance the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks.

Since 2004, Tarrant County has applied for and received funding through this grant program to support various projects related to emergency management.

Election security has become a priority for grant funding, and state and regional plans. Many urban areas that receive UASI funding are preparing election security projects in anticipation of it being a future grant requirement. The Tarrant County Election Security Project will reinforce the security of the Tarrant County Elections Office by implementing new security measures. These measures include installing shatter-resistant film for glass and creating a wall and door to separate the foyer and interior of the building. These security strategies have been identified by federal partners as potential solutions to weaknesses in the building's layout.

If approved, Tarrant County Emergency Management will submit the GY 2024 UASI grant program application and resolution to the Office of the Governor to fund the reinforcement of the Tarrant County Elections Building.

Tarrant County Budget and Risk Management Office has reviewed the grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County expects to receive \$125,000.00 in UASI grant funds for GY 2024.

No grant match is required.

No indirect costs are allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy is required for this grant.

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