



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 05/07/2024

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH STEM IT UP
SPORTS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO TARRANT
COUNTY**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a grant agreement between Tarrant County and STEM It Up Sports to provide support services to the residents of Tarrant County.

BACKGROUND

Commissioner, Precinct 2's Community Organization Program was created to support proactive and hard-working organizations in Tarrant County. The program targets organizations whose goals are to better the community and help citizens in need. Some examples of related initiatives may include Youth Programs, Public Health (Physical and Mental), Housing, Education and Criminal Justice Reform. Prison to Purpose has been selected to receive program funds.

STEM It Up Sports is a nonprofit organization that strives to provide a STEM experience to all ages using robotic engagement with an established and accredited curriculum. The organization believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to explore STEM in a fun and inventive way.

The organization focuses primarily on exposing youth to different fields in STEM with the incorporation of technology. STEM It Up Sports uses a series of robots from Sphero to teach students different subject areas such as block coding, JavaScript, and micro-bits. Most of the lessons incorporate elements of leadership/team-building skills among other subjects.

If awarded, funding in the amount of \$3,500.00 will be used to provide classes during the STEM ROBOTICS Summer Camp. The organization plans to provide services to 5,000 youth this year. The contract has been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$3,500.00 is available in account 26100-2024 Road and Bridge Fund / 621010000 Precinct 2 / 579061 County Projects. This funding was included in the General Fund transfer approved during the FY 2024 budget process.

REQUESTED BY:	Commissioner Simmons		
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