



**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION**

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE TO RECEIVE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROGRAM NON-RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FUNDING**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Community Development Block Grant Contract with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP) Non-Research and Development Mitigation funding in the amount of \$100,000.00.

**BACKGROUND**

The LHMPP assists eligible entities by providing grants to develop or update local hazard mitigation plans, or to provide cost share for hazard mitigation planning activities funded through other federal sources. Community Development Block Grant Mitigation funds, administered by HUD and implemented through the Texas General Land Office, pay for these planning activities. The Hazard Mitigation Plan development and approval oversight is administered by FEMA and implemented through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

On June 20, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141096, approved submission of a grant application to the Texas GLO for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP) to seek \$100,000.00 in grant funds to update the existing Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HazMAP).

The HazMAP has been in place since 2010 and requires updates to be formally submitted to TDEM and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) every five (5) years. Past updates have been accomplished with mitigation grant funds and partnerships with up to thirty-five (35) agencies within Tarrant County.

Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the potential impacts of disastrous events. An approved HazMAP is required by FEMA to access certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance funds. The expected outcomes of a HazMAP document includes increasing education and awareness on community vulnerabilities, building partnerships, identifying long-term strategies for risk reductions with input from stakeholders, identifying cost-effective mitigation actions that can reduce risk, and communicating priorities to potential funders of future projects.

With approval of this grant contract, Tarrant County will receive \$100,000.00 in grant funds from the Texas GLO to be used to update the existing Tarrant County HazMAP.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Rand Otten Helen Giese
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The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed the notice of grant award. The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this document as to form.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The grant award is for \$100,000.00 for GY 2023.

This grant does not require a grant match.

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy required for this grant.