



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY CONSTABLES BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submission of the FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Application and Resolution to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Grant Program for the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program for the Tarrant County Constables.

BACKGROUND

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, administered by the Criminal Justice Grant Program of the Office of the Governor, may be used to fund personnel, equipment, supplies, and training. The North Central Texas Council of Governments has identified specialized technology/equipment improvement (including body-worn cameras) as a local priority for the State's Criminal Justice Grant Program for FY 2025.

Tarrant County is currently witnessing exponential growth, which has resulted in an increased demand for resources, including local police departments. To meet the needs of the growing population and the ever-increasing interactions with the public, Tarrant County is seeking funding for Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs) for Tarrant County Constables.

Tarrant County Constables are licensed peace officers who work in support of the court system. BWCs are recording devices worn on the uniform. This is necessary to improve their services to Tarrant County's growing population and to manage the increased number of interactions that they have with the public.

The Budget and Risk Management Department is preparing this grant application on behalf of Tarrant County's eight (8) Constable precincts and is requesting funding for seventy-six (76) BWCs.

The grant is for a twelve (12) month period, starting on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. The grant deadline is February 8, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

The maximum grant award is \$240,000.00. No match is required for the grant.

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