



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUATION  
OF GRANT FUNDED POSITIONS FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY  
CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PROTECTIVE  
ORDER UNIT, HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT, AND VICTIM  
SERVICES UNIT**

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

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve interim funding for the continuation of ten (10) grant funded positions in the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office (CDA) Protective Order Unit, Human Trafficking Unit and Victim Services Unit for a period not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.

**BACKGROUND**

On January 23, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142470, approved submission of the FY 2025 Violence Against Women (VAWA) formula grant application to seek grant funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Office of the Governor for the Tarrant County CDA's Protective Order Unit to partially fund two (2) Attorney positions effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. The current grant funding period ends on August 31, 2024, and the Office of the Governor has not yet announced the awards for the next one (1) year grant period. The program is expected to continue to receive funding.

On January 23, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142468, approved submission of the FY 2025 Victim Assistance Direct Services Program grant application to seek grant funding in the amount of \$385,589.32 from the Office of the Governor for the Tarrant County CDA's Victim Services Unit to partially fund four (4) Victim Assistance Coordinator positions effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. The current grant funding period ends on September 30, 2024, and the Office of the Governor has not yet announced the awards for the next one (1) year grant period. The program is expected to continue to receive funding.

On January 23, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142469, approved submission of the FY 2025 Criminal Justice Planning Funds grant application to seek grant funding in the amount of \$423,919.45 from the Office of the Governor for the Tarrant County CDA's Human Trafficking Unit to partially fund one (1) Attorney, one (1) Investigator, and one (1) Legal Secretary position effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. The current grant funding period ends on September 30, 2024, and the Office of the Governor has not yet announced the awards for the next one (1) year grant period. The program is expected to continue to receive funding.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Rand Otten Robert D. Cone
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On April 4, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court order #140642, approved submission of the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Victim Coordinator and Liaison (VCLG) grant application seeking grant funding in the amount of \$49,500.00 for FY 2024 and \$49,500.00 for FY 2025 from the Office of the Attorney General for the Tarrant County CDA's Victim Services Unit to partially fund one (1) Victim Assistance Coordinator position effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026. The current grant funding period ends on August 31, 2024, and the Office of the Attorney General has not yet disbursed the awards for the next one (1) year grant period. The program is fully expected to receive funding.

With approval, Tarrant County will provide interim funding in the amount of \$304,017.22 for the ten (10) above-mentioned grant funded positions.

This request has been reviewed by Budget and Risk Management and the Auditor's Office.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

County funds utilized for interim funding will be reimbursed by grant funds upon award and the Commissioners Courts approval of the grant contract renewal.

If interim funding for the ten (10) grant funded positions is required for the full twelve (12) months, the estimated combined cost to Tarrant County is \$304,017.22 in salary and fringe expenses.

Grant G0081-2025:	\$ 85,373.77	Protective Orders
Grant G0087-2025:	\$ 96,072.42	Victim Services
Grant G0097-2025:	\$ 97,052.44	Human Trafficking
Grant M0048-2025:	<u>\$ 25,518.59</u>	VCLG
Total Funding:	\$304,017.22	