



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GRANT AWARD  
FROM TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION  
AUTHORITY FOR THE TARRANT REGIONAL AUTO CRIMES  
TASK FORCE**

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

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept the FY 2025 grant award from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) in the amount of \$2,089,417.00 for the Auto Crimes Task Force (Task Force).

**BACKGROUND**

Over the past 31 years, the Task Force, which serves Tarrant County as well as six (6) other counties (Parker, Wise, Palo Pinto, Jack, Hood, and Somervell), has applied for and received grant funding from the MVCPA.

The Task Force currently consists of eighteen (18) full-time members including personnel from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, Parker County, Tarrant County, Wise County, and the cities of Arlington, Euless, Grapevine, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Hurst, Lake Worth, Weatherford, and White Settlement. The Task Force also has a cooperative working agreement with the TXDMV and houses five (5) additional investigative personnel.

For grant year 2023, the Task Force recovered 612 stolen vehicles for an estimated value of \$16.1 million. Investigators were responsible for filing 238 auto crime cases for prosecution and contributed to 205 arrests. In addition to the cases filed for prosecution, the Task Force cleared 366 auto crimes. As of April 2024, the Task Force has recovered 373 stolen vehicles with an estimated value of \$9.3 million, filed 135 auto crime cases for prosecution, and contributed to 162 arrests. In addition to the cases filed for prosecution, the Task Force cleared 192 auto crimes.

On May 21, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #143128, approved the submission of the FY 2025 grant application and resolution to the Texas MVCPA to seek continued funding for existing personnel as well as a new investigative subscription service, new vehicle purchases, office equipment and furniture to accommodate the relocation to a new office.

With approval of this grant contract, the Task Force will receive FY 2025 grant funding in the amount of \$2,089,417.00 for the continuation of the services mentioned above.

This contract is a twelve (12) month grant which runs from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Ann Marie Pena Matt Pedersen
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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 \$2,089,417.00.

The grant requires a cash match of twenty percent (20%), which is made up of cash match from Tarrant County and the participating agencies (sub-grantees). Tarrant County's share of the cash match of salary and benefits for five (5) county staff members is \$130,290.00, which includes \$33,987.00 of grant-generated program income. These cash match amounts were included in both the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office FY 2025 budget requests.

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy required for this grant.

Sheriff / Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Grant (GRANT-2004/M0022-2025/2110510000)

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