



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 12/13/2022

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO RELEASE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE
PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE CLAIMS ADDENDUM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court provide approval for the Tarrant County Auditor to release Emergency Rental Assistance payments in advance of approval of the relevant Claims Addendum when Commissioners Court meetings are scheduled to be canceled or canceled with minimal notice between January 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023. These payments are made pursuant to the Tarrant County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), created by the Commissioners Court, which outlines the eligibility requirements that must be met for a properly paid claim. By virtue of this extensive program, the Commissioners Court has made the determination that each claim meets the eligibility requirements and is properly payable.

BACKGROUND

Assistance payments for Tarrant County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) routinely appear on the weekly Claims Addendum for Commissioners Court approval prior to being released by the County Auditor. Due to periodic cancellation of Commissioners Court meetings, payments that would have otherwise been scheduled for approval will be delayed, causing additional hardship to ERAP recipients.

With this action, the County Auditor will be authorized to release payments that have been reviewed and approved per program policy between January 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023 prior to placing them on the Claims Addendum for Commissioners Court approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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