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SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION TO FUND THE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS TOOL FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the electronic submission of the FY 2023 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Grant Application to fund the implementation of the Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) Tool for the Medical Examiner's Office.

BACKGROUND

Due to the growing problem of drug-impaired driving, NHTSA developed the DUID tool to assist state, local, territorial, and tribal governments with assessing and strengthening drug-impaired driving programs. As drug-impaired driving prevalence has increased, so too have the responsibilities placed on state and local agencies tasked with reducing impaired-driving-related injuries and fatalities. Through a systematic review of activities, policies, and procedures being implemented, the DUID tool allows users to assess their existing programs to reduce drug-impaired driving.

With approval, the grant application will be submitted electronically to NHTSA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon acceptance of the electronic grant application by NHTSA, the County will receive reimbursement of expenses incurred due to the enactment of the DUID Tool. Those expenses may be related to laboratory supplies and equipment as well as the education and training of forensic toxicologists at regional and national workshops related to DUID case analysis and testimony.

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