



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 11/01/2022

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT
AWARD FROM THE TEXAS STATE OFFICE OF COURT
ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL
COURTS TRYING CRIMINAL CASES**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the acceptance of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant award from the Texas State Office of Court Administration for the Tarrant County Criminal Courts Trying Criminal Cases.

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law and established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) program. This program is intended to provide support to state, territorial, local, and tribal governments in responding to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19.

The 83rd Legislature established the Veterans Treatment Court (then called Veterans Court) as defined in Title 2. Subtitle K. Chapter 124 of the Texas Government Code. During the 84th Legislature, the General Appropriations Act appropriated funds to the Texas Veterans Commission for a Veterans Treatment Court Grant.

On July 22, 2022, the Office of Court Administration awarded the Tarrant County Judiciary \$443,315.00 to reduce the felony backlog in criminal courts. Funding may be used to cover eligible costs Tarrant County incurs during the period of March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

<u>Program</u>	<u>Granting Agency</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Texas OCA	\$443,315.00	\$0	\$443.315.00

SUBMITTED BY: Budget and Risk Mgmt

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