



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 11/15/2022

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 PAUL COVERDELL
FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT GRANT FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION
FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept the FY 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant award from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to purchase laboratory equipment for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner Office received funding to purchase equipment needed to update the Human Identification and Anthropology Laboratory. The goal of this project is to improve the quality and timeliness of death investigation and autopsy services by making improvements to the Forensic Anthropology Laboratory to support medical examiner operations. The program aims to improve three (3) aspects of the laboratory through the following:

1. Purchase of equipment used for the maceration of human remains to facilitate anthropological analysis and skeletal reconstruction;
2. Purchase of scientific instrumentation that is either no longer serviceable, currently absent, or represents improvements in technology; and
3. Provide for a portion of consumables required to become operational.

The equipment and instrumentation requested is in-line with best practices and validated analytical methods. No equipment has been requested that constitutes experimental methodologies or unacceptable practices.

The grant is effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is for \$44,213.00 for FY 2023. No local match is required.

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