



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL MEDAL OF
HONOR MUSEUM FOUNDATION FOR CAPITAL PROJECT
FUNDING**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a contract with the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation for capital project funding.

BACKGROUND

The National Medal of Honor Museum is being built in Tarrant County within the Arlington Entertainment District. The National Medal of Honor Museum has three distinct elements that include the Museum, Monument, and Institute.

The Museum is currently under construction and will be the only national institution dedicated to sharing the influential stories of Medal of Honor recipients. The Museum is planned to open in late Fall of 2024 and projected to serve approximately 830,000 visitors in its first full year of operation in 2025. The NMOH Monument to be constructed in Washington, DC, was authorized through a bipartisan bill, unanimously passed in both the House and the Senate, and signed into law by President Biden in December 2021.

The Museum and Institute will host annual and periodic programs, workshops, and symposiums, reaching classrooms and boardrooms through cutting edge technology and digital platforms. Speakers will include Medal of Honor recipients, executives, distinguished representatives from colleges and universities, military leaders and elected officials. A leadership curriculum will be implemented through the Institute's three (3) Centers of Impact: Center for Character Excellence, targeting K-12 students; Center for Leadership in Action, targeting entry-level leaders through seasoned executives; and Center for the Elevation of Honor, targeting researchers, thought leaders, and practitioners called to values-based action to connect people and ideas to ignite thought leadership and the spirit of America.

Upon approval of this contract, the County will reimburse the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation for construction expenses in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. The Commissioners Court of Tarrant County finds that this investment brings increased economic development and investments into the Arlington and greater Tarrant County area, provides increased educational opportunities for the residents of Tarrant County, and serves a direct public purpose and public good for the residents of Tarrant County.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Kristen Camareno
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This contract has been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 is available in 566030/10000-2023/5920100000.