



COMMISSIONERS COURT
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SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL
JUNETEENTH MUSEUM FOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a contract with the National Juneteenth Museum for capital project funding

BACKGROUND

The National Juneteenth Museum, to be located in the 76014 zip code in the Historic Southside of Fort Worth, is planned to be under construction in 2023 and open to the public in June 2025. The museum will contain 10,000 square feet of immersive exhibition galleries; a 250-seat theater to host public lectures, speaker series, and theater performances; flexible space for traveling exhibitions, seminars, workshops, and corporate and community events; a business incubator for emerging minority-owned businesses and coworking space for entrepreneurs; a food hall featuring culturally ethnic cuisine; retail space for lease to minority- and women-owned businesses, the National Juneteenth Plaza including a courtyard and greenspace; and residential apartment units targeted to 25-44 year-old professionals.

The National Juneteenth Museum will provide programming and outreach to Tarrant County residents in the form of community events; entrepreneur coaching and support; seminars and workshops on topics ranging from financial literacy to housing stability and free educator training and educational materials to enhance K-12 curriculums and aid instruction.

CONTRACTOR will acknowledge COUNTY as a founding donor in announcements related to its capital campaign and on the donor recognition wall and video monitor display in the Museum. Additionally, CONTRACTOR will provide COUNTY with opportunities to address the audience during various public programs and events and will provide COUNTY complimentary meeting space at the Museum for one meeting or event in 2025.

Upon approval of this contract, the County will reimburse the National Juneteenth Museum for expenses directly related to the construction of the museum building in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. The Commissioners Court of Tarrant County finds that this investment brings increased economic development and investments into the 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.

This contract has been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Kristen Camareno
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FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 is available in 566030/10000-2023/5920100000