



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 12/06/2022

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE
2023-2024 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS VETERANS
COMMISSION FOR THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court ratify and approve the submission of a grant application to the Texas Veterans Commission for the Veterans Treatment Court for funding in the amount of \$300,000.00.

BACKGROUND

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA or Fund) was created in the 79th Legislature, and codified in Texas Government Code §434.017, Veterans' Assistance Agencies. The Fund, prior to the passage of Senate Bill 1655 in the 81st Legislature, was composed of money transferred to the Fund at the direction of the Legislature, gifts and grants contributed to the Fund, and the earnings of the Fund.

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 September 19, 2022, the Texas Veterans Commission issued a request for applications for reimbursement grants created to address the needs of Veterans in Veteran Treatment Courts.

Tarrant County Criminal Courts Administration requested funds from the Texas Veterans Commission to continue covering the growing cost of treatment in the Tarrant County Veterans Treatment Court.

This request has been reviewed by the Budget and Risk Management Department.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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