



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 12/13/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LETTER OF COMMITMENT BETWEEN
TARRANT COUNTY AND TOXCEL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS TOOL SUPPORT
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S
OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Letter of Commitment between Tarrant County and toXcel for the FY 2023 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) Tool funding opportunity for the Medical Examiner's Office.

BACKGROUND

Due to the growing problem of drug-impaired driving, NHTSA developed the DUID tool to assist state, local, territorial, and tribal governments with assessing and strengthening their drug-impaired driving programs. As drug-impaired driving prevalence has increased, so too have the responsibilities placed on state and local agencies tasked with reducing impaired-driving-related injuries and fatalities. Through a systematic review of activities, policies, and procedures being implemented, the DUID tool allows users to assess their existing programs to reduce drug-impaired driving.

The Medical Examiner's Office received funding in the amount of \$65,000.00 for equipment and training related to toxicology testing and testimony for drug-impaired driving cases. This Letter of Commitment with toXcel outlines provisions for reporting, participation in quarterly meetings, and reimbursement of expenses.

This Letter of Commitment has been reviewed as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is for \$65,000.00 for FY 2023. No local match is required.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Holly Webb Kandice Boutte
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