



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 03/07/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A STUDY AND
PLANNING GRANT RELATED TO THE TARRANT COUNTY
STATE HOSPITAL**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a letter of support for a study and planning grant related to a Tarrant County State Hospital.

BACKGROUND

The Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140197, approved its legislative policies for the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature. One of the support statements that was approved was to support a study of the creation for a state hospital in Tarrant County.

The Texas House and Senate have included \$2.3 billion for state hospitals and associated mental health programs in the appropriations bill. Through the budget process, Tarrant County seeks a rider added onto the appropriations bill for a \$15.5 million study and planning grant for the creation of a Tarrant County state hospital.

The Tarrant County delegation is finalizing a letter of support for the study, and a local letter is needed to show widespread community support. If approved, Tarrant County elected officials and key stakeholders will be requested to sign onto the letter.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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