



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 04/18/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023  
ENHANCED COLLABORATIVE MODEL TASK FORCE TO  
COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2023 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force (ECM) to Combat Human Trafficking.

**BACKGROUND**

The U.S Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime has advertised a grant opportunity to develop or continue supporting enhanced collaborative model task forces to combat human trafficking. This program furthers the mission of the Department of Justice by enhancing law enforcement and the response of social services to victims of human trafficking.

On May 26, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #132894, approved the submission of a similar grant application in FY 2020 that was funded in the amount of \$900,000.00. The funds were utilized to partner with the Homeland Security Investigations, the U.S. District Attorney's Office, and Unbound Fort Worth to create the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force. The Human Trafficking Task Force has focused on developing collaborative working relationships among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, victim service providers, and a variety of other agencies and community partners in Tarrant County to address the issue of human trafficking.

If approved for submission, the grant application is a renewal of the FY 2020 grant for a total program amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Tarrant County Budget and Risk Management Office has reviewed the grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

A twenty-five percent (25%) match is required. The match is derived from the salaries of existing personnel assigned to the Human trafficking Unit.

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy required for this grant.

SUBMITTED BY:	Sheriff Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jessica Redding
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