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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE GRANT YEAR 2023
URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve submission of the Grant Year (GY) 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program application to the Office of the Governor for funds to support and enhance emergency management planning, emergency response training and equipment.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor is responsible for coordinating homeland security initiatives such as the UASI Grant Program. The UASI is awarded to states and urban areas to enhance the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Since 2004, Tarrant County has applied for and received funding through this grant program to support various projects related to emergency management.

If approved, GY 2023 UASI funds will be used for the following projects:

- 1. Tarrant County Emergency Management Program Enhancement – \$189,572.42

This project will continue to support the salaries of one (1) full-time planning position and one (1) part-time planner. These planners will assist with resource identification, updating multiple plans, and other emergency management related activities. Additionally, the funds will cover costs related to planning such as registration fees and travel to conferences, trainings, and exercises.

- 2. Tarrant County Cyber Security Enhancement – \$28,000.00

This project will cover the continued support of software for the Tarrant County Information Technology Department and comply with the requirement to support cyber security projects with Homeland Security funds. The software will allow for more efficient monitoring and training related to cyber attacks such as phishing emails.

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

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	William Wessel David McCurdy
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FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County will receive \$217,572.42 in UASI grant funds for GY 2023.

No grant match required.

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy required for this grant.

Positions funded by grants or special funds may be eliminated due to loss of funding at any time, and Tarrant County has no obligation to assume funding for these positions.