



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 06/06/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY, D/B/A TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, AND THE CITY OF ARLINGTON FOR THE ENHANCED COLLABORATIVE MODEL TASK FORCE TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve an Interlocal Agreements (ILA) between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and the City of Fort Worth, and the City of Arlington for the Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

The Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program is a grant award program funded by the U.S Department of Justice (DOJ) Office for Victims of Crime. The purpose of the program is to provide grant funding for the development or continuation of collaborative model task forces to combat human trafficking. This furthers the mission of the DOJ to enhance law enforcement and the response of social services to victims of human trafficking.

On May 26, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #132894, accepted a grant award in the amount of \$900,000.00 from the DOJ Office for Victims of Crime for the Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program. The funds were utilized to partner with the Homeland Security Investigations, the U.S. District Attorney's Office, and Unbound Fort Worth to form the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force (TCHTTF). The TCHTTF 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.

With approval of the ILA's, the City of Fort Worth will provide staff and resources to investigate human trafficking within its jurisdiction. Tarrant County will reimburse the City a sum not to exceed \$47,750.00 for overtime reimbursement. In addition, both Cities agree to send a staff member to the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Beyond the Basics: Advancing Human Trafficking Investigations and Prosecutions Training Event (Training Event) set for June 13, 2023 through June 15, 2023 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tarrant County will reimburse both Cities a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00.

The grant period is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. The term of the ILA is April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

SUBMITTED BY:	Sheriff Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jessica Redding Chief Jennifer Gabbert
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On April 18, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140751, approved the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for the Enhance Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program for funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, beginning October 1, 2023 to continue the mission of the DOJ to enhance law enforcement and the response of social services to victims of human trafficking.

The ILA's have been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Training will be paid for with Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force Grant funds. Funds will be available is account #L0019-2023.