



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 07/18/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS FOR THE RESCUING TEXAS
HISTORY MINI-GRANT PROGRAM TO DIGITIZE AND ENHANCE
ACCESS TO HISTORICAL MATERIALS RELATED TO TARRANT
COUNTY - ARCHIVES**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submittal of a grant application to the University of North Texas (UNT) for the Rescuing Texas History Mini-Grant Program to digitize and enhance access to historical materials related to Tarrant County.

BACKGROUND

UNT hosts The Portal to Texas History, a digital collection of materials related to Texas History from libraries, archives, historical societies, genealogical societies and museums from across the state. Each year, UNT accepts applications for the Rescuing Texas History Mini-Grant Program for up to \$1,000.00 in grant funding.

The Tarrant County Archives was awarded the Rescuing Texas History Mini-Grant in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019.

If awarded, Tarrant County Archives will utilize this opportunity to digitize a selection of materials from the Kathryn Johns Halbower Collection which contains materials related to Fort Worth theater from the late 1800s to the early 1900s as well as sports history. These materials would then be added to Tarrant County Archives' Collection on The Portal to Texas History, making the collection searchable and easily accessible by people around the world.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The requested amount will be \$1,000.00 for digitization efforts.

This grant does not require a grant match.

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy is required for this grant.

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