



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MANSFIELD  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND RECEIVE  
DIRECT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2024  
THROUGH 2026 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Joint Administrative Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Mansfield, as a metropolitan city eligible to receive direct entitlement of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Program Years 2024 through 2026.

**BACKGROUND**

For Tarrant County to qualify as an "Urban County", the county must meet a threshold set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of having a combined population of 200,000 or more residents (excluding metropolitan cities) from the unincorporated areas and participating incorporated areas that are part of the Urban County Consortium. As an Urban County, Tarrant County is eligible to receive CDBG, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from HUD. The requalification process occurs every three (3) years and is required for FY 2024-2026.

The City of Mansfield, with a population over 50,000, is considered a "Metropolitan City" by HUD and is therefore eligible to receive CDBG entitlement funding. A Metropolitan City can either choose to participate in the Urban County Consortium or opt-out and manage their own funds. If a Metropolitan City chooses to participate in the Urban County Consortium, Tarrant County agrees to administer on behalf of the city all activities and requirements of federal, state, and local law, and rules and procedures of HUD with regard to the city's CDBG entitlement. In return, the County retains, for HUD-eligible reimbursable administrative costs, an amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total annual HUD allocation. For a Metropolitan City to participate in the Urban County Consortium, the city must enter into a Joint Administrative Agreement with the county.

The City of Mansfield originally chose to opt out of the Consortium, but has rescinded that decision and wishes to enter into this Joint Administrative Agreement with the County.

Including Mansfield, thirty (30) cities will participate in the CDBG, HOME and ESG entitlement programs in accordance with Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 570 and Title 24 CFR, Parts 91 and 92.

SUBMITTED BY:	Community Development	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Susan Au James A. McClinton
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Upon approval, the Community Development Department will submit a copy of this Joint Administrative Agreement along with all other required documentation to HUD as part of Tarrant County's requalification process.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this Agreement as to form.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Costs associated with administration of these documents will be paid with grant #B-23-UC-48-0001.