



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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

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DATE: 09/05/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 INTERIM FUNDING FOR THE  
TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
PROTECTIVE ORDER UNIT FUNDED THROUGH THE VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION**

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

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve FY 2024 interim funding in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's (CDA) Office Protective Order Unit currently funded through the Violence Against Women (VAW) Formula Grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for a period not to exceed (90) days.

**BACKGROUND**

The Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) VAW Formula Grant Program is awarded to states and territories through CJD to enhance the capacity of local communities to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

On November 15, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139697, accepted the FY 2023 VAW Formula Grant award, in the amount of \$100,000.00, to partially fund two (2) attorney positions with the CDA's Protective Order Unit. The County match was \$240,847.14 for a total program cost of \$340,847.14.

The existing grant expired on August 31, 2023, and the Office of the Governor has not yet announced the awards for the FY 2024 grant period. The program is expected to receive funding.

If approved, interim funding will be utilized to continue partially funding two (2) attorney positions within the CDA's Protective Order Unit.

This request has been reviewed by the Budget Office and Auditor's Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If County funds are utilized, the grant will reimburse Tarrant County for use of interim funding upon the Commissioners Court approval of the grant contract renewal. If interim funding is required for ninety (90) days, the estimated cost will be as follows:

Criminal District Attorney's Office / Protective Order Unit (G0081-2024/4510210000) - \$90,000.00

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Claudia J. Del Toro Castro Helen Giese
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