



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 GRANT AWARD FROM
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR A BILINGUAL
VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR FOR THE CRIMINAL
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept FY 2024 Grant Award from the Office of the Attorney General's Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Program for continued partial funding of a bilingual, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's (CDA) Office.

BACKGROUND

On September 20, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139173, approved the acceptance of the FY 2023 grant award of \$44,836.00 from the Office of the Attorney General for a Bilingual Victim Assistance Coordinator for the CDA's Office. The term of the grant award was effective from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

On September 5, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141609 approved interim funding in the amount of \$11,209.00 to continue providing partial funding for a bilingual, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Criminal District Attorney's Office for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

The CDA's Office received notice of the FY 2024 Grant Award to partially fund a Bilingual Victim Assistance Coordinator to assist with Spanish-speaking crime victims. There continues to be a positive reception regarding the Bilingual Victim Assistance Coordinator from departments within the CDA's Office and community organizations, demonstrating the need for this position.

If accepted, the grant award in the amount of \$49,400.00 will be utilized to partially fund the Bilingual Victim Assistance Coordinator position for the CDA's Office and reimburse Tarrant County for any approved interim funds utilized.

This grant award has been approved by the Budget and Risk Management Office and the Auditor's Office.

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

The grant award is for \$49,500.00. The remaining funding for the position is included in the CDA's FY 2024 budget. Grant funds will be deposited in account GRANT-2004/M0048-2024/4510120000.

No grant match is required.

No indirect costs are allowed.