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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 GRANT AWARD
FROM THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION
AUTHORITY FOR THE AUTO CRIMES TASK FORCE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the acceptance of the FY 2024 Grant award from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) in the amount of \$1,923,822.00 to partially fund the Auto Crimes Task Force.

BACKGROUND

On May 02, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140832, approved the submission of the FY2024 Grant application, in the amount of \$1,923,822.00 from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) that would be used to partially fund the Auto Crimes Task Force.

Over the past 30 years, the Task Force, which serves Tarrant County as well as six (6) other counties (Parker, Wise, Palo Pinto, Jack, Hood, and Somervell), has applied for and received grant funding from MVCPA. This year, the Task Force's grant application includes a request of four (4) additional investigators to expand coverage to include Wise County and the cities of Grapevine, Weatherford and White Settlement.

The Task Force currently consists of (20) full-time members including personnel from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, Parker County, Tarrant County and the cities of Arlington, Euless, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Hurst, and Lake Worth.

For Grant Year (GY) 2022, the Task Force recovered seven hundred forty-three (743) stolen vehicles for an estimated value of \$14.1 million. Investigators were responsible for filing two hundred fifty-seven (257) auto crime cases for prosecution and contributed to two hundred twelve (212) arrests. In addition to the cases filed for prosecution, the Task Force cleared out five hundred twenty-six (526) auto crimes.

As of March 2022, the Task Force has recovered three hundred thirty-eight (338) stolen vehicles with an estimated value of \$9 million, filed ninety-five (95) auto crime cases for prosecution, contributed to eighty-eight (88) arrests. In addition to the cases filed for prosecution, the Task Force cleared out two hundred twenty-nine (229) auto crimes.

The Budget and Risk Management and Auditor's office have reviewed the notice of grant award.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The MVCPA grant requires a cash match of twenty percent (20%), which is made up of cash match from Tarrant County and the participating agencies (sub-grantees).

Tarrant County's share of the cash match consists of salaries and benefits for five (5) county staff members of \$121,982.00, which includes \$33,755.00 of grant-generated program income. The cash match funds are available in the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office FY 2024 budget.

Sheriff / Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Grant (GRANT-2004/M0022-2024/2110510000)
DA / Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Grant (GRANT-2004/M0022-2024/4510300000)

The MVCPA grant requires \$55,000 in Operating Subsidy to cover unallowable rent costs for the Auto Task Force. The funds are available in the Sheriff's FY24 Budget.

Sheriff / 10020-2024/M0022-2024/2110510000/531011

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.