



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 AGENCY INTERLOCAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, CITY OF EULESS, CITY OF FORT WORTH, CITY OF GRAPEVINE, CITY OF HALTOM CITY, CITY OF HURST, CITY OF LAKE WORTH, CITY OF WEATHERFORD, CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, PARKER COUNTY AND WISE COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TARRANT REGIONAL AUTO CRIMES TASK FORCE

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve FY 2024 Agency Interlocal Assistance Agreements with the City of Arlington, City of Euless, City of Fort Worth, City of Grapevine, City of Haltom City, City of Hurst, City of Lake Worth, City of Weatherford, City of White Settlement, Parker County and Wise County for participation in the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force (Task Force).

BACKGROUND

The Task Force began in 1993 and was created to combat motor vehicle theft. Over the years, the mission and scope of the task force has changed to include burglary of motor vehicles, theft of parts, and various forms of vehicle fraud that negatively affect Texas consumers. Since its inception, the Task Force has proven effective in reducing motor vehicle crime rates and has been recognized at state and national levels for its successes. The Task Force receives a portion of its funding from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA), a division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV).

The Task Force is comprised of investigators from state and local agencies operating under the umbrella of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. Currently, Task Force investigators are assigned from the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, the Parker County Sheriff's Office, the City of Arlington Police Department, the City of Euless Police Department, the City of Fort Worth Police Department, the City of Haltom City Police Department, the City of Hurst Police Department, and the City of Lake Worth Police Department. These state and local agencies receive reimbursement from Tarrant County through the grant funding provided by the Texas MVCPA. The state and local agencies are required to contribute match funds. The non-local entities are the TXDMV and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). These non-local entities provide staff in support roles, and salaries and benefits are funded solely by their entities.

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On September 5, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141669, accepted the FY 2024 Grant award from the Texas MVCPA in the amount of \$1,923,822.00 to partially fund the Auto Crimes Task Force. This award included an additional \$591,229.00 in grant funding to add four (4) additional participating law enforcement agencies. These four (4) agencies are the Wise County Sheriff's Office, the City of Grapevine Police Department, the City of Weatherford Police Department and the City of White Settlement Police Department.

With approval of the Agency ILAs, the Task Force will continue operation under the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and continue to combat burglary of motor vehicles, the theft of parts, and various forms of vehicle fraud that negatively affect Texas consumers. In addition, the Task Force will expand to include the Wise County Sheriff's Office, the City of Grapevine Police Department, the City of Weatherford Police Department and the City of White Settlement Police Department.

The Agency ILAs have been reviewed by the Budget and Risk Management Department, Tarrant County Auditor's Office and the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total grant award for FY 2024 is \$1,923,822.00 of which \$1,144,260.00 is allocated for reimbursement to the participating agencies as sub-grantees. The grant requires a cash match of twenty percent (20%), which is made up of cash match from the participating agencies and the Counties of Parker, Wise and Tarrant. Tarrant County's share of the cash match is \$121,982.00 and consists of salaries and benefits for five (5) existing county staff members. The grant-generated program income is \$33,755.00. The cash match funds are available in the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and the Criminal District Attorney's Office FY 2024 budget as follows:

Sheriff's Office

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

Criminal District Attorney's Office

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

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