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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 PARTICIPATING ENTITY SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND APPRISS INSIGHTS, LLC FOR THE TEXAS VICTIM IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Participating Entity Services Agreement between Tarrant County and Appriss Insights, LLC for the Texas Victim Identification and Notification Everyday (V.I.N.E.) Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS).

BACKGROUND

On January 9, 1996, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #73610, approved the original agreement with Interactive Systems, LLC to provide victim notification services to the citizens of Tarrant County. On September 2, 2000, Interactive Systems, LLC made a name change to Appriss, Inc.

The Texas Office of the Attorney General began a program in 2001 and 2002 to create a statewide V.I.N.E. system similar to the V.I.N.E. system maintained by Tarrant County. The purpose of the statewide V.I.N.E. system is to provide a uniform victim notification system that would be utilized by all counties in Texas. With the implementation of a uniform statewide system, a victim of crime can obtain basic information concerning a perpetrator regardless of the victim's location in Texas and/or the status of a perpetrator through the criminal justice system in another Texas county.

On September 13, 2022, the Commissioners Court, though Court Order #139133, approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Texas V.I.N.E. Services Agreement to participate in the statewide V.I.N.E. system. Until the FY 2020 Agreement, Tarrant County specifically assigned any and all rights of payment from the Texas Office of the Attorney General to the certified vendor (Appriss Insights, LLC, formerly, Appriss, Inc.), and the Texas Office of the Attorney General paid the certified vendor each quarter. Since approval of the FY 2020 Agreement, Tarrant County must now pay the certified vendor each quarter and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General. This is similar to the process that was in place when the statewide V.I.N.E. system was first created over fifteen (15) years ago.

SUBMITTED BY:	Sheriff Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jessica Redding David Grantham
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If approved, the FY 2024 Participating Entity Services Agreement with Appriss Insights, LLC will be in the amount of \$81,982.15. This amount was agreed upon by the Texas Office of the Attorney General and Appriss Insights, LLC for the continued maintenance of the V.I.N.E. system in Tarrant County from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.

The Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office, Budget and Risk Management and Auditor's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County will be required to pay Appriss Insights, LLC each quarter from account Grant-2004/M0012-2024/2110010000/569011 and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General.