



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO
COMPLETE THE HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY OF
UNINCORPORATED TARRANT COUNTY - ARCHIVES**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve submittal of a grant application to the Texas Historical Commission for grant funding to complete the historic resources survey of unincorporated Tarrant County.

BACKGROUND

As a participant of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program through the Texas Historical Commission, Tarrant County can apply for CLG grant funding to complete work related to historic preservation.

In 2021, Tarrant County Office of Historic Preservation (Archives) staff and the CLG Committee completed the Tarrant County Historic Preservation Plan, outlining a ten (10) year plan with major initiatives to document and preserve historic resources throughout Tarrant County. A major goal for FY 2024, Phase 3 and 4 of the Plan, is to complete a historic resources survey of the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County. The last historic resources survey conducted on the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County was completed in 1988. It is recommended by the Texas Historical Commission that surveys be conducted every ten (10) years to continuously collect data on newly eligible properties as well as major changes to previously surveyed properties. The rapid development of unincorporated Tarrant County and the lack of surveying means that many historic properties have likely been lost to development and never properly documented.

With this grant, Archives and the CLG Committee will complete a desktop level survey of unincorporated Tarrant County. Historically significant properties will be prioritized and selected for a more in-depth reconnaissance level survey. Grant funding will be utilized to hire a vendor to complete the reconnaissance level survey. This project will both document and encourage preservation of historic resources in these areas.

With approval, Archives staff will join CLG to seek funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Texas Historical Commission for this project.

The Tarrant County Budget Office and Auditor's Office have reviewed the grant application.

SUBMITTED BY:	Archives	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jaimi Parker Ty Guy
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FISCAL IMPACT

The grant requires a local match of fifty percent (50%) of the total funding. If full funding is awarded, Tarrant County would be required to provide a \$50,000.00 match.

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.

No operating subsidy is required for this grant.