COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 ENHANCED COLLABORATIVE MODEL TASK FORCE GRANT AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO SUPPORT THE TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

*** CONSENT AGENDA ***

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept the FY 2023 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force (ECM) grant award in the amount of $750,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice to support the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) in combating human trafficking.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, advertised a grant opportunity to develop or continue supporting enhanced collaborative model task forces to combat human trafficking. This program furthers the mission of the Department of Justice by enhancing law enforcement and the response of social services to victims of human trafficking.

On April 18, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140751, approved the submittal of the FY 2023 grant application, in the amount of $1,000,000.00, to the U.S. Department of Justice Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking.

If accepted, the grant award of $750,000.00 will be utilized to develop collaborative working relationships among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, victim service providers, and a variety of other agencies and community partners in Tarrant County to address the issue of human trafficking.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award amount is $750,000.00.

A twenty-five percent (25%) match is required. The match is derived from the salaries of existing personnel assigned to the Human Trafficking Unit.

The grant award will be deposited into the following account:
Grant-2004/L0019-2024/2110430000

No indirect costs allowed for this grant.
No operating subsidy required for this grant.

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