



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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DATE: 2/4/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of the General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program Grant Application and Resolution to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Criminal District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit.

BACKGROUND

Victim Assistance Coordinators provide comprehensive victim services to high-risk victims of violent crimes, in tandem with the prosecution team, for cases identified as high-risk and filed in misdemeanor and felony courts.

The CDA's Victim Services Unit seeks application for grant funding to continue to provide personnel and training. They have historically received funding through this program to fund four (4) Victim Assistance Coordinator positions and are seeking permission to request grant funding in the amount of \$450,864.07 from the Office of the Governor for the continuation of the Victim Services Unit.

This application is for Year 1 of a three (3) year funding cycle. The grant term is from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

The Budget and Risk Management Office has reviewed the budget for this grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant request is for \$450,864.07. Indirect costs were not added to the program budget. The required cash match is twenty percent (20%) of the total program budget. Matching funds and Operating subsidy have historically been included in the CDA's budget and will again be requested for FY 2026.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Rand Otten
		APPROVED BY:	Robert Cone



**Office of the Governor
Public Safety Office –CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form**

Entity Name: Tarrant County	Date: 1/14/25
Agency/Department Name: Tarrant County Sheriff's Office	
Name of Chief Executive Officer: Tim O'Hare	
Name of Head of Law Enforcement Agency: Bill Waybourn	

Certification Required by CEO and Head of Law Enforcement Agency

In our respective capacities as chief executive officer of Tarrant County (“Grantee”) and as head of Tarrant County Sheriff's Office (“Agency”), we hereby each certify that Grantee and Agency participate fully, and will continue to participate fully from the date of this certification until the later of August 31, 2026 or the end of the grant project period, in all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency’s custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS.

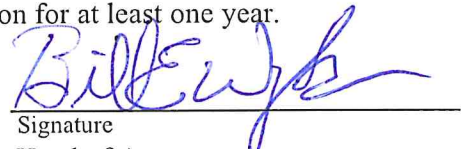
We further certify that Grantee and Agency do not have, and will continue not to have until the later of August 31, 2026 or the end of the grant project period, any policy, procedure, or agreement (written or unwritten) that in any way limits or impedes Agency’s receipt or DHS’s issuance of detainer requests, or in any way limits or restricts Grantee’s and Agency’s full participation in all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by DHS to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency’s custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS.

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Lastly, we certify that Grantee and Agency will comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

We acknowledge that failure to comply with this certification may result in OOG, in its sole discretion, terminating any grant made by OOG to Grantee, and that Grantee must return all funds received from OOG for any grant terminated under this certification. We further acknowledge that Grantee will remain ineligible for OOG funding until it provides satisfactory evidence that the jurisdiction has complied with this certification for at least one year.

Signature
Chief Executive Officer for Grantee



Signature
Head of Agency



**TARRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

**State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division
Victims of Violent Crimes Program**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Tarrant County, that the Victim Coordinators for Victims of Violent Crimes Program be operated for the 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County designates the County Judge as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County approves submission of the grant application for the Victim Coordinators for Victims of Violent Crimes Program to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by: _____
County Judge

Passed and Approved this 4th day of February 2025

Grant Number: 3344808

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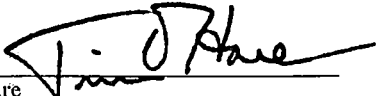
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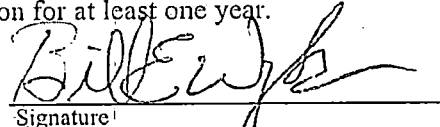
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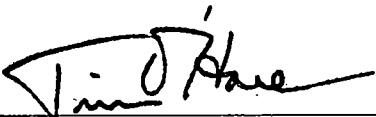
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