



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND TRUANCY PREVENTION GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE SCHOOL-BASED DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submittal of the FY 2026 Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Program grant application and resolution to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for the School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor, CJD, solicits applications for projects that support juvenile justice and delinquency prevention during the state grant cycle. The purpose of these grant funds is to support programs that prevent violence in and around school; and to improve the juvenile justice system by providing mental health services, truancy prevention and intervention through community-based and school programs.

The School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program's target population is high school youth, ages 14-19, enrolled in the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Education Program (TCJJAEP) under the mandatory and discretionary expulsion provisions. Characteristics of this population include youth at risk of dropping out of school, substance abuse, truancy, poor school performance, depression, aggression, suicidal behavior, deviant peer bonding, lack of social skills, delinquency, gang affiliation, developmental disabilities, emotional problems, and poor communication skills. The program will provide a fifty percent (50%) reduction in drug usage, a fifty percent (50%) increase in improved attitudes and behaviors measured by the Student Survey, eighty-five percent (85%) of youth will not penetrate further in the juvenile justice system, achieve an eighty percent (80%) daily attendance rate, and maintain an eighty-five (85%) program completion rate.

If awarded, the TCJJAEP will continue to administer the School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program curriculum. The grant period is from September 1, 2025 to August 30, 2026. This is Year 2 of a three-year grant cycle.

The Tarrant County Juvenile Board approved this grant submission at its regular meeting on January 15, 2025.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

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



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The grant request is for \$96,669.67. No grant match is required. Indirect costs are allowed and have been added to the program budget.



TARRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION

State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice
Division Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant

WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court of Tarrant County finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Tarrant County that the School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program be operated for FY2026; 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 School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by: _____
County Judge

Passed and Approved this 4th Day of February 2025

Grant Number: 4231405