



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 144896

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DATE: 3/11/2025

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The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this grant agreement as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 is available in account 10000-2025 General Fund/6210100000 Precinct #2 General/579061 County Projects.

SUBMITTED BY	Commissioner, Precinct 2	PREPARED BY:	Gabriel Rivas
		APPROVED BY:	Alisa Simmons

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TARRANT §

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, **Prison to Purpose** is a non-profit organization that focuses on helping ex-offenders re-acclimate to society;

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the program provided by **Prison to Purpose** benefits the residents of Tarrant County, Texas, and hereby declares that this **Agreement** is one of a professional service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this 11th day of March 2025, by and between **Prison to Purpose** acting by and through its duly authorized agent, and **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS ("COUNTY")**, acting by and through its County Judge.

Prison to Purpose and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

1. **Prison to Purpose** provide services focused on helping ex-offenders re-acclimate to society and a comprehensive 12-week, curriculum based, workshop on personal development, life, job readiness, and cognitive behavior to and for the benefit of the residents of Tarrant County, Texas.
2. **COUNTY**, for and in consideration of the services provided, agrees to pay to **Prison to Purpose** a lump sum payment of **\$5,000.00** for services rendered to the residents of Tarrant County, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.
3. **TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW, PRISON TO PURPOSE HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR CLAIM ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF ITS PROGRAM. SAID INDEMNIFICATION WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL AMOUNTS OF ALL CLAIMS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND COSTS OF COURT.**
4. Nothing contained in this **Agreement** shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint enterprise, common enterprise, joint venture, joint owners, or joint tenants between the parties. The parties hereby declare and acknowledge that the relationship existing is one of independent contractor. This **Agreement** does not and shall not be construed to entitle either party or any of their respective employees or officials, if applicable, to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment from the other party.
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6. The parties to this **Agreement** will not sell, assign, transfer or convey any benefits or obligations of this **Agreement** in whole or part without the prior written consent of both parties.
7. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this **Agreement**, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other provision of this **Agreement**.
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SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Jerars Canada
Founder
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**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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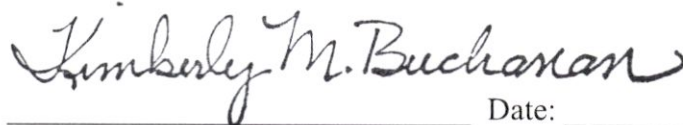
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CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 5,000.00




Auditor

Date: _____

Consideration of a Grant Agreement between Tarrant County and Prison to Purpose to Provide Support Services to Tarrant County Residents

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this 11 day of March, 2025.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim O'Hare". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tim O'Hare
County Judge
3/13/2025