



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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DATE: 2/4/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 EDWARD
BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE
GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE TARRANT
COUNTY CONSTABLES BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submission of the FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Application and Resolution to the Office of the Governor’s Criminal Justice Grant Program for the for the Tarrant County Constables Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program.

BACKGROUND

The Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program, administered by the Criminal Justice Grant Program of the Office of the Governor, may be used to fund personnel, equipment, supplies, and training. The North Central Texas Council of Governments has identified specialized technology/equipment improvement (including body-worn cameras) as a local priority for the State’s Criminal Justice Grant Program for FY 2026.

Tarrant County is currently witnessing exponential growth, which has resulted in an increased demand for resources, including local police departments. To meet the needs of the growing population and the ever-increasing interactions with the public, Tarrant County is seeking funding for Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs) for Tarrant County Constables.

Tarrant County Constables are licensed peace officers who work in support of the court system. BWCs are recording devices worn on the uniform. This is necessary to improve their services to Tarrant County's growing population and to manage the increased number of interactions that they have with the public.

The Budget and Risk Management Department is preparing this grant application on behalf of Tarrant County’s eight (8) Constable precincts and is seeking funding for eighty (80) BWCs.

The grant is for a twelve (12) month period, starting on October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant application is for a total of \$154,080.00. No match is required for this grant and no operating subsidy is needed. Indirect will not be charged to this grant.

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



**TARRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

**State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance
Program, Criminal Justice Grant Program,
Tarrant County Constables Body-Worn Camera Program**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Tarrant County, that funding be obtained in support of the Tarrant County Constables Body-Worn Camera program for 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program/Criminal Justice Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Grant Program 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 Tarrant County Constables Body-Worn Camera Program to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by: _____
County Judge

Passed and Approved this 4th Day of February 2025

Grant Number: 5415901