



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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DATE: 2/4/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT FISCAL YEAR 2026 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S PROTECTIVE ORDER UNIT

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of the FY 2026 Violence Against Women Formula Grants Application and Resolution to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for the continuation of the Criminal District Attorney's (CDA) Protective Order Unit.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor provides funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, through the Violence Against Women Formula Grants, to assist in developing and implementing effective victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to enhance victim services in cases involving crimes against women.

The CDA's Protective Order Unit seeks application for grant funding to continue to provide personnel and training. The CDA's Protective Order Unit has historically received partial funding through this program to fund two (2) Assistant Criminal District Attorney positions and is seeking permission to request grant funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Office of the Governor for the continuation of the Protective Order Unit.

The grant term is from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. This is year 1 of 3 of a three-year funding cycle.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant request is for \$100,000.00. Indirect costs were not added to the program budget. The required cash match is thirty percent (30%) 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



RESOLUTION

State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Tarrant County Human Trafficking Program

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Tarrant County, that the Human Trafficking Program be operated for the 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division 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 Human Trafficking Program to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by: _____
County Judge

Passed and Approved this 4th Day of February 2025

Grant Number: 4765203