



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES APPLICATION FORM TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

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BACKGROUND

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for formula grant funding to provide additional personnel and/or purchase equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice or civil proceedings, including law enforcement programs. The formula allows Tarrant County to apply for a maximum formula grant award of \$10,021.00.

The formula grant funding will be used to support the equipment needs of the TCSO, with the purchase of a new drone.

Currently, the TCSO operates six (6) drones in its fleet, all of which are registered with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for commercial use. The TCSO also has seven (7) drone pilots licensed with the FAA.

The TCSO is in need of a drone with increased technological capabilities, including the ability to fly in windy and wet conditions. The new drone will have significantly better optical zoom and thermal capabilities. The TCSO uses drones for numerous law enforcement functions throughout the County, including assisting with fleeing suspects, search and rescue, support while serving felony arrest warrants, and overwatch for high-risk operations. The TCSO drone team also assists with accident and criminal investigations, helps the Livestock Estray Enforcement Program (LEEP) with loose livestock, and assists with locating access points to help local fire departments.

With approval, TCSO will submit a JAG program certifications and assurances application form to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for a maximum formula grant award in the amount of \$10,021.00 to continue to improve law enforcement functions as mentioned above.

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



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FISCAL IMPACT

The grant application will be for the total formula amount of \$10,021.00.
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Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the applicant unit of local government named below, in support of that locality's application for an award under the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") Program, and further to 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a), I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), that all of the following are true and correct:

1. I am the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government named below, and I have the authority to make the following representations on my own behalf as chief executive and on behalf of the applicant unit of local government. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any OJP decision to make an award, under the application described above, to the applicant unit of local government.
2. I certify that no federal funds made available by the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above will be used to supplant local funds but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.
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Signature of Chief Executive of the Applicant Unit of
Local Government

Tim O'Hare

Printed Name of Chief Executive

10/11/2024

Date of Certification

Tarrant County Judge

Title of Chief Executive

Name of Applicant Unit of Local Government

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