



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145043

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DATE: 4/15/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT GRANT YEAR 2025 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION, FOR THE ELECTIONS SECURITY PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of the Grant Year (GY) 2025 Urban Area Security Initiative Program Grant Application and Resolution to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division for the Election Security Program Enhancement project.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor’s Homeland Security Grant Program provides UASI funding to assist states and urban areas in enhancing the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies. This funding directly strengthens state and local preparedness for a range of potential threats.

Since 2004, Tarrant County has applied for and received funding through this grant program to support various projects related to emergency management.

If approved, GY 2025 UASI funds will support the addition of video security at the entrances of the Quorum Drive facility based on departmental operations. As part of the project, the grant will cover costs related to the procurement and installation of video monitors and cameras at access points that currently lack internal visibility. This equipment will provide real-time visual monitoring of the blind access points, enabling staff to safely move from secure to non-secure areas. Additional equipment could include improved lighting around the Elections Department buildings.

The grant request is for \$100,000 to support the Election Security Program Enhancement project. The performance period for this grant is from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant request is for \$100,000. This grant does not require match or operating subsidy. Indirect costs are allowed and have been added to the program budget.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Rand Otten
		APPROVED BY:	Helen H. Giese



**TARRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

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 Election Security Enhancement Project for grant year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program; 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 Tarrant County Election Security Enhancement Project to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by: _____
County Judge

Passed and Approved this 15th Day of April 2025

Grant Number: 5199602