



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER _____

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DATE: 11/19/2024

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO
THE TEXAS OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND COUNCIL FOR TARRANT
COUNTY OPIOID PREVENTION EFFORTS**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of future grant applications to the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council (OAFC) for Tarrant County opioid prevention efforts.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Legislature created the OAFC to ensure that money recovered by the State of Texas through statewide opioid settlement agreements are allocated fairly and spent to remediate the opioid crisis in the State of Texas by using efficient and cost-effective methods that are directed to regions of this state experiencing opioid-related harms.

The OAFC is administratively attached to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The State of Texas has participated in settlement agreements with different companies to resolve legal claims against the companies for their role in the opioid crisis. From these settlement agreements, a portion of the distribution for Texas is deposited in the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund and is allocated to OAFC to fund strategies in response to the opioid crisis.

The OAFC issues Notices of Funding Availability (NOFOs) to solicit applications throughout the year. The posting requirement for the NOFOs, as set by the OAFC Council, is only fourteen (14) days, which may not allow for the appropriate time for placement on a Commissioners Court agenda prior to submission.

With approval, grant applications would be submitted in time for grant deadlines in support of opioid prevention efforts in Tarrant County.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

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