



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT THE GRANT YEAR 2026 GRANT APPLICATION, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, AND RESOLUTION TO THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY FOR THE AUTO CRIMES TASK FORCE

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of the Grant Year 2026 grant application, supporting documentation, and resolution to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for grant funding in the amount of \$2,088,421.00 to partially fund the Auto Crimes Task Force (Task Force).

BACKGROUND

Over the past 32 years, the Task Force, which serves Tarrant County and (6) other counties (Parker, Wise, Palo Pinto, Jack, Hood, and Somervell), has applied for and received grant funding from the MVCPA. This year, the Task Force’s grant application includes continued funding for existing personnel as well as two new vehicle purchases, a vehicle lift, supplies, and continued investigative subscription costs.

The Task Force currently consists of eighteen (18) full-time members including personnel from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, Parker County, Tarrant County, Wise County, and the cities of Arlington, Euless, Grapevine, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Hurst, Lake Worth, Weatherford, and White Settlement. The Task Force also has a cooperative working agreement with the TXDMV and houses five (5) additional investigative personnel.

For Grant Year (GY) 2024, the Task Force recovered six hundred seventy-four (674) stolen vehicles for an estimated value of \$18.2 million. Investigators were responsible for filing two hundred twenty-six (226) auto crime cases for prosecution and contributed to two hundred twenty-four (224) arrests. In addition to the cases filed for prosecution, the Task Force cleared two hundred forty-four (244) auto crimes.

As of February 2025 (GY25), the Task Force has recovered two hundred seventy-two (272) stolen vehicles with an estimated value of \$7.7 million, filed ninety (90) auto crime cases for prosecution, and contributed to ninety-one (91) arrests. In addition to the cases filed for prosecution, the Task Force cleared one hundred eleven (111) auto crime cases.

The Tarrant County Senior Grants Auditor and the Budget and Risk Management Office have reviewed the budget for this application. The Task Force’s Board of Governors, consisting of executives from each of the participating agencies, has approved the application for submission to the MVCPA.

FISCAL IMPACT

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The grant requires a cash match of twenty percent (20%), which is made up of cash match from Tarrant County and the participating agencies (sub-grantees). Tarrant County's share of the cash match of salary and benefits for five (5) county staff members is \$128,198 which includes \$33,196 of grant-generated program income. These cash match amounts were included in both the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office FY2026 budget requests.

This is a 12-month grant which runs from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.

Indirect costs were not added to the program budget. Operating subsidy is not required for this grant.