



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145582

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DATE: 8/5/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF TEN GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PROTECTIVE ORDER UNIT, HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT, AND VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider interim funding for the continuation of ten grant-funded positions in the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office Protective Order Unit, Human Trafficking Unit, and Victim Services Unit through December 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND

On February 4, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court order #144693, approved the submission of the FY 2026 Violence Against Women (VAWA) Formula grant application to seek grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Office of the Governor for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Protective Order Unit to partially fund two (2) Attorney positions effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. The current grant funding period ends on August 31, 2025, and the Office of the Governor has not yet announced the awards for the next one (1) year grant period. The program is expected to continue to receive funding.

On February 4, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court order #144689, approved the submittal of the FY 2026 Victim Assistance Direct Services Program grant application to seek grant funding in the amount of \$450,864.07 from the Office of the Governor for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Victim Services Unit to partially fund four (4) Victim Assistance Coordinator positions effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The current grant funding period ends on September 30, 2025, and the Office of the Governor has not yet announced the awards for the next one (1) year grant period. The program is expected to continue to receive funding.

On February 4, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court order #144692, approved the submission of the FY 2026 Criminal Justice Planning Funds grant application to seek grant funding in the amount of \$423,919.45 from the Office of the Governor for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Human Trafficking Unit to partially fund one (1) Attorney, one (1) Investigator, and one (1) Legal Secretary position effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The current grant funding period ends on September 30, 2025, and the Office of the Governor has not yet announced the awards for the next one (1) year grant period. The program is expected to continue to receive funding.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Rand Otten
		APPROVED BY:	Matthew Jones



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On March 11, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court order #144819, approved the submittal of the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Victim Coordinator and Liaison (VCLG) grant application seeking grant funding in the amount of \$49,500 for FY 2026 and \$49,500 for FY 2027 from the Office of the Attorney General for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Victim Services Unit to partially fund one (1) Victim Assistance Coordinator position effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027. The current grant funding period ends on August 31, 2025, and the Office of the Attorney General has not yet disbursed the awards for the next one (1) year grant period. The program is expected to continue to receive funding.

This request has been reviewed by Budget and Risk Management.

FISCAL IMPACT

County funds utilized for interim funding will be reimbursed by grant funds upon award and Commissioners Court's approval of the grant contract renewal. The estimated combined cost to Tarrant County for interim funding of ten grant-funded positions, if financing is required through December 31, 2025, is \$268,561.31 in salary and fringe expenses.

Grant G0081-2025	\$ 32,362.00	- Protective Orders
Grant G0087-2025	\$113,404.49	- Victim Services
Grant G0097-2025	\$104,290.10	- Human Trafficking
Grant M0048-2025	<u>\$ 18,504.72</u>	- VCLG
Total Funding	\$268,561.31	