COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145702



DATE: 8/19/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRANT AWARD FROM THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY FOR THE TARRANT REGIONAL AUTO CRIMES TASK FORCE**

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

## COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider accepting a FY 2026 grant award from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) in the amount of $2,088,421 for the Auto Crimes Task Force (Task Force).

## BACKGROUND

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.

On April 15, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #145041, approved the submission of the FY 2026 grant application and resolution to the MVCPA to seek continued funding for five (5) existing personnel as well as two (2) new vehicle purchases, a vehicle lift, supplies, and continued investigative subscription costs.

As of May 2025, the Task Force has recovered four hundred eighty (480) stolen vehicles with an estimated value of $12.4 million, filed one hundred seventy-two (172) auto crime cases for prosecution, and contributed to one hundred sixty-five (165) arrests. In addition to the cases filed for prosecution, the Task Force cleared one hundred sixty (160) auto crimes.

The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed the notice of grant award. The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved the notice of grant award as to form.

The grant is effective from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The grant award is for $2,088,421.00.

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 $128,198.00, which includes $33,196.00 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 FY 2026 budget requests.

No indirect costs are allowed for this grant, and no operating subsidy is required for this grant.

Sheriff / Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Grant (GRANT-2004/M0022-2026/2110510000)
DA / Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Grant (GRANT-2004/M0022-2026/4510300000)

# FY26 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority
# Statement of Task Force Grant Award and Grantee Acceptance Notice

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| Grant Number: | **608-26-2200000** |
| Grantee: | **Tarrant County** |
| Program Title: | **Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force** |
| Grant Award Amount: | **$2,088,421** |
| Total Cash Match Amount: | **$703,204** |
| In-Kind Match Amount: | **$0** |
| Reimbursement Percent*: | **74.81%** |
| Grant Term: | **September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026** |

**Grant Budget Summary: Tarrant County (App ID: 428)**

| Budget Category | MVCPA Expenditures | Cash Match Expenditures | Total Expenditures | In-Kind Match |
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| Personnel | $487,613 | $0 | $487,613 | $0 |
| Fringe | $25,177 | $128,198 | $153,375 | $0 |
| Overtime | $11,152 | $0 | $11,152 | $0 |
| Professional and Contract Services | $1,294,695 | $575,006 | $1,869,701 | $0 |
| Travel | $17,924 | $0 | $17,924 | $0 |
| Equipment | $116,000 | $0 | $116,000 | $0 |
| Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE) | $135,860 | $0 | $135,860 | $0 |
| Total | $2,088,421 | $703,204 | $2,791,625 | $0 |

*Reimbursement Percent: 74.81% - $2,088,421 MVCPA amount / ($2,088,421 MVCPA amount + $703,204Cash Match)

That whereas, **Tarrant County** (hereinafter referred to as Grantee), has heretofore submitted a grant application in response to the Request for Application issued on March 4, 2025, to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, State of Texas, entitled **Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force** and further identified by grant number **608-26-2200000** and

Whereas, the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority has approved the grant application as evidenced by this FY26 Statement of Grant Award and certain special requirements from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority dated **7/29/2025** and

Whereas, the Grantee desires to accept the FY26 grant award and use all funds for purposes and in compliance with the following requirements that are adopted in their entirety by reference:

- Texas Transportation Code Chapter 1006;
- Texas Administrative Code: Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57;
- Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) as promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts including TxGMS Standard Assurances by Local Governments and Standards for Financial and Program Management;
- The Request for Applications issued on March 4, 2025;

- The current Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Administrative Manual and forms and subsequently adopted grantee instruction manuals and forms;
- The Final Adopted Application attached to this Statement of Grant Award; and
- The Approved Grant Budget Summary

Now, therefore, the Grantee accepts the FY26 Statement of Grant Award under the conditions above including the special requirements in the grant application and the Statement of Grant Award as evidenced by this agreement, executed by the official authorized to sign the original grant application, or the official's designated successor, as presiding officer of and on behalf of the governing body of this grantee; and

The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority has awarded the above-referenced grant subject to the availability of state funds. The approved budget is reflected in the above Approved Grant Budget Summary. This grant is subject to and conditioned upon the acceptance of the MVCPA Grant Administrative Guide promulgated for this specific program fund (referenced above) by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. Applicable special conditions are listed below.

## Special Conditions and Requirements (MVCPA will only apply special conditions to applicable jurisdictions):

_X_ **Non-Supplanting -** The grantee agrees that funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, funds that would otherwise be available for the activities under this grant. This includes demonstrating that new funded positions will be added to the department and not replacing local funds with state funds.

_X_ **Intelligence Sharing -** The grantee is required to ensure that Law Enforcement personnel funded in whole or in part by this grant actively participate in Law Enforcement intelligence sharing webinars and Motor Vehicle Crime Investigator Virtual Command Centers organized and promoted on behalf of the MVCPA program operation and statewide collaboration.

__X__ **Multi-agency Grant Operational Plan** – The grantee is required to provide an operational plan describing the communication process with participating and coverage jurisdictions. The operational plan must include how meetings are held, how often, and whether meetings are held in person or remotely. The grantee must report meetings in quarterly progress reports.

__X__ **Multi-Agency grant** - The grantee is required to complete and maintain interlocal agreement with all participating subgrantees as required by law and TxGMS. The grantee must complete a process to monitor and ensure grant compliance of subgrantees. The grantee must maintain the process locally and document compliance with that plan.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY:

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Authorized Official

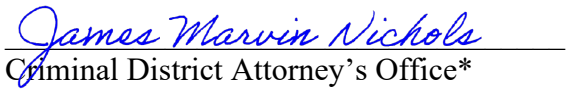
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Printed Name and Title

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Date Signed

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Criminal District Attorney's Office*

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.