



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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DATE: 11/5/2024

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT GRANT YEAR 2024 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION, TO SUPPORT THE TARRANT COUNTY ELECTION SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the acceptance of GY 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Homeland Security Grant Program grant award from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Homeland Security Division, to support the Tarrant County Election Security Enhancement Project.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Governor is responsible for coordinating homeland security initiatives such as the UASI Grant Program. The UASI is awarded to states and urban areas to enhance the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies.

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

Election security has become a priority for grant funding, and state and regional plans. Many urban areas that receive UASI funding are preparing election security projects in anticipation of it being a future grant requirement. The Tarrant County Election Security Project will reinforce the security of the Tarrant County Elections Office by implementing new security measures. These measures include installing shatter-resistant film for glass and creating a wall and door to separate the foyer and interior of the building. These security strategies have been identified by federal partners as potential solutions to weaknesses in the building's layout.

On March 19, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142813, approved the submission of the GY 2024 UASI grant application to the OOG, Homeland Security Division, to support the Tarrant County Election Security Enhancement Project for the amount of #125,000.00.

With approval, grant funding in the amount of \$113,000.00 will be used to support physical security enhancements to the Tarrant County Elections Administration building. This project will attempt to harden the facility by installing shatter-resistant film on glass at the Tarrant County Elections Administration Building. Additionally, this project will fund the creation of a wall and door to separate the foyer and interior of the building.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Rand Otten
		APPROVED BY:	Robert Cone



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The grant period is from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This is a one (1) year funding cycle.

The Budget and Risk Management Office has reviewed the statement of grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is for \$113,000.00. Operating subsidy and match are not required. Indirect costs were not calculated for this grant.

Statement of Grant Award (SOGA)

The Statement of Grant Award is the official notice of award from the Office of the Governor (OOG). This Grant Agreement and all terms, conditions, provisions and obligations set forth herein shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns and all other State of Texas agencies and any other agencies, departments, divisions, governmental entities, public corporations, and other entities which shall be successors to each of the Parties or which shall succeed to or become obligated to perform or become bound by any of the covenants, agreements or obligations hereunder of each of the Parties hereto.

The approved project narrative and budget for this award are reflected in eGrants on the 'Narrative' and 'Budget/Details' tabs. By accepting the Grant Award in eGrants, the Grantee agrees to strictly comply with the requirements and obligations of this Grant Agreement including any and all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements. In instances where conflicting requirements apply to a Grantee, the more restrictive requirement applies.

The Grant Agreement includes the Statement of Grant Award; the OOG Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities; the Grant Application in eGrants; and the other identified documents in the Grant Application and Grant Award, including but not limited to: 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 20, Subchapter E, Division 4 of the Texas Administrative Code, and the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) developed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts; the state Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the grant application was made, and for federal funding, the Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the OOG was awarded funds; and any applicable documents referenced in the documents listed above. For grants awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice, the current applicable version of the Department of Justice Grants Financial Guide and any applicable provisions in Title 28 of the CFR apply. For grants awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), all Information Bulletins and Policies published by the FEMA Grants Program Directorate apply. The OOG reserves the right to add additional responsibilities and requirements, with or without advance notice to the Grantee.

By clicking on the 'Accept' button within the 'Accept Award' tab, the Grantee accepts the responsibility for the grant project, agrees and certifies compliance with the requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement, including all provisions incorporated herein, and agrees with the following conditions of grant funding. The grantee's funds will not be released until the grantee has satisfied the requirements of the following Condition(s) of Funding and Other Fund-Specific Requirement(s), if any, cited below:

Grant Number:	5199601	Award Amount:	\$113,000.00
Date Awarded:	10/4/2024	Grantee Cash Match:	\$0.00
Grant Period:	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	Grantee In Kind Match:	\$0.00
Liquidation Date:	03/31/2026	Grantee GPI:	\$0.00
Program Fund:	HS-Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	Total Project Cost:	\$113,000.00
Grantee Name:	Tarrant County		
Project Title:	ES - 2024 UASI Tarrant County - Election Security Enhancement Program		
Grant Manager:	Chris Edwards		
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	DBH1UNN8U5J3		

CFDA:	97.067 - Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)		
Federal Awarding Agency:	U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency		
Federal Award Date:	9/19/2024		
Federal/State Award ID Number:	EMW-2024-SS-05096		
Total Federal Award/State	\$92,871,592.00		

Funds

Appropriated:

Pass Thru Entity

Name:

Texas Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)

Is the Award

R&D:

No

Federal/State

Award

Description:

The purpose of the HSGP is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. The HSGP provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 31 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The building, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community.