



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER <#CourtOrderNumber#>

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DATE: 6/17/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF
THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE TO REQUEST HELP AMERICA
VOTE ACT FORMULA GRANT FUNDS**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider submission of a resolution to the Office of the Texas Secretary of State to request Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Formula Grant funds in the amount of \$775,000.00.

BACKGROUND

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) established a program to provide federal funds to states and territories to upgrade voting systems and improve the administration of federal elections. The law also mandated the creation of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to administer HAVA grant programs.

The EAC provides HAVA formula grants directly to states and U.S. territories to support the administration of elections for federal office and improvements to voting and election systems. States and territories do not compete for the funds, which are distributed based on predetermined formulas and eligibility requirements.

With Court approval, Elections staff will submit all required documents to the Office of the Texas Secretary of State to request available HAVA formula grant funds in the amount of \$775,000.00. Funds will be used to upgrade security cameras, scanners, and printers. Eligible expenditures must be incurred from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant request is for up to \$775,000.00. The grant requires a 20% match (available from Chapter 19 funds). Indirect costs were not added to the program budget. No operating subsidy is needed.

SUBMITTED BY Budget and Risk Management

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APPROVED BY: Helen H. Giese



TARRANT COUNTY

RESOLUTION

State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State, Help America Vote Act Formula Grant Funds Program

Tarrant County Commissioners Court agrees that the expenditure of the funds will be in accordance with applicable federal and state law and any agreement between Tarrant County and the State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State as authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and in consultation and agreement with the county election official(s) as defined in Sections 12.001 and 31.091 of the Texas Election Code.

Tarrant County Commissioners Court agrees to assign a single point of contact (SPOC) to act on behalf of the county in communicating with the Office of the Secretary of State, including the submission of reimbursement requests and any other required reports.

Tarrant County Commissioners Court agrees claims against the fund shall be audited and approved in the same manner as other claims against the county before they are paid.

Tarrant County Commissioners Court agrees that it will not consider the availability of the funds in adopting the county budget.

Tarrant County Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss, misuse, or noncompliance pursuant to any grant award agreement with the Secretary of State, Tarrant County Commissioners Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Secretary of State in full.

Signed by: Separate Electronic Signature Page
County Judge

Passed and Approved this 17th day of June 2025