



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
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DATE: 10/15/2024

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT RENEWAL BETWEEN  
TARRANT COUNTY, D/B/A TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
AND YVETTE CHRISTY, LIVED EXPERIENCE CONSULTANT FOR THE  
PROVISION OF CONSULTATION SERVICES THROUGH THE  
ENHANCED COLLABORATIVE MODEL TASK FORCE TO COMBAT  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT PROGRAM**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider an Agreement Renewal between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) and Yvette Christy, Lived Experience Expert Consultant for the provision of consultation services through the Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND**

The ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Program is a grant award program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Victims of Crime. The purpose of this program is to develop, expand, or strengthen a multidisciplinary approach to better respond to human trafficking.

This collaborative approach includes victim and social service providers, law enforcement, prosecution personnel, individuals with lived experience, and a range of other governmental and nongovernmental partners that work together to provide access to a diverse set of services for trafficking victims and to seek justice on their behalf.

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With approval, TCSO will continue to receive consultation services from Yvette Christy, Lived Experience Expert Consultant, in the amount of \$81.25 per hour with a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,500.00 to fulfill the purpose of the ECM Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking grant. This service will allow the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force to seek consultation services and advice from an expert with lived experience.

The term of this Agreement is from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

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| SUBMITTED BY | Sheriff | PREPARED BY: | Jessica Redding |
|              |         | APPROVED BY: | Jessica Redding |



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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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**TARRANT COUNTY AND YEVETTE CHRISTY**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT**

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**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking is a grant program funded under an award by the United States Department of Justice, hereinafter called "DOJ" through their Office of Victims of Crime, hereinafter called "OVC"; and

**WHEREAS**, County and the Consultant desire to enter into an agreement regarding the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, for its Sheriff's Office, has applied for and received from the DOJ a grant to target human trafficking in Tarrant County, in the State of Texas, the grant period runs from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant is titled Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Grant (Grant Number 15POVC-23-GK-02747-HT), hereinafter called "Project", and

**WHEREAS**, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office has asked the Consultant to provide services in fulfilling the purpose of the grant.

**NOW THEREFORE**, this Agreement is hereby made and entered into by County and the Consultant for the mutual consideration stated herein:

**I. Agreement**

1. The Consultant agrees to participate in and provide advice on select materials, trainings, meetings and outreach for the TCHTTF, utilizing expertise on trafficking and intersecting issues, in achieving its goals with the Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Project.
2. The County agrees to the following payment terms and conditions: Compensation will be \$81.25 (Eighty-one dollars and twenty-five cents) per hour in the form of a check or ACH

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3. **Compliance with Law:** In providing the services required by this Agreement, the Consultant must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including, without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. The Consultant shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to its business, including maintaining any necessary licenses and permits.

4. The Consultant should submit an invoice and associated supporting documentation no later than 30 days following the services rendered to:

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5. **Texas Government Code Chapter 552 ("Texas Public Information Act" or "TPIA"):**

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6. **Form 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties:** Consultant acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the Form 1295 electronically filed with the Texas Ethics Commission,

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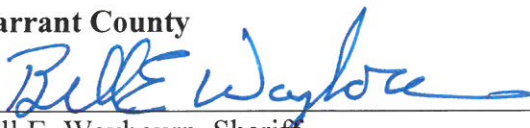
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EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by the County, by and through its duly authorized officials, and by the Consultant.

**Tarrant County**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill E. Waybourn, Sheriff

Date: 9-27-24

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim O'Hare, County Judge

Date: 10/15/2024

**Consultant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Yevette Christy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Certification of Funds Available

for the Amount of \$ 3,500.00

Kimberly M. Buchanan

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**SIGNED AND EXECUTED** this 15th day of October 2024.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT  
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Tim O'Hare  
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