



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER

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DATE: 09/21/2021

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO UTILIZE EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS FUND EXCESS CASH TO REPLENISH THE SELF-INSURANCE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court authorize the use of excess cash in the Employee Group Insurance Benefits Fund to replenish the Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund.

BACKGROUND:

Over the course of FY 2021, the Tarrant County's Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund has been inundated with COVID-19 claims. Approximately 100 additional claims, totaling over \$1,000,000.00, have been received to date. It is anticipated that this number will increase in FY 2022. The quarantine and isolation expenses that will be generated due to the passage of HB 2073 and SB 23 will also create a need for additional funding. Due to a surge in the number of claims and an increase in the administration cost, reserves have been exhausted.

The requested transfer will replenish the reserves in the Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation fund and add additional funding for the increased expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon approval, a \$7,000,000.00 appropriation adjustment will be made from special purpose funds 65100-2021 to 61900-2021.

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