



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER

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DATE: 06/22/2021

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021-2022 GRANT AWARD FROM THE TEXAS  
VETERANS COMMISSION FOR THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT**

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

#### **COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept the 2021-2022 grant award, in the amount of \$300,000.00, from the Texas Veterans Commission for the Veterans Treatment Court Program.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA or Fund) was created in the 79th Legislature, and codified in the Texas Government Code §434.017, Veterans' Assistance Agencies. The Fund, prior to the passage of Senate Bill 1655 in the 81st Legislature, was composed of money transferred to the Fund at the direction of the Legislature, gifts and grants contributed to the Fund, and the earnings of the Fund.

The 83rd Legislature established the Veterans Treatment Court (then called Veterans Court) as defined in Title 2, Subtitle K, Chapter 124 of the Texas Government Code. During the 84th Legislature, the General Appropriations Act appropriated funds to the Texas Veterans Commission for a Veterans Treatment Court Grant.

Grant funds will be used to enhance addiction treatment services for participants of the Tarrant County Veterans Treatment Court Program.

The award has been reviewed by the Auditor's Office and the Budget and Risk Management Office.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The grant award is for \$300,000.00. No match is required.

SUBMITTED BY: Criminal Court Administration

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