



CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4

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To: KP George
County Judge

From: Mike Beard
Constable

Subject: **Authorization of Funds via Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP)
Expenditure Account**

Since 2019, the Fort Bend County Precinct 1, and now PCT 4 Constable's Office has participated in the Texas State University (Texas School Safety Center) Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP). With the approval from Commissioner's Court, the program has enabled PCT 4 to enforce Subchapter H, Chapter 161, Texas Health and Safety Code in a manner that can reasonably be expected to reduce the extent to which cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and tobacco products are illegally sold or distributed to persons who are younger than 21 years of age.

As the contracted entity (PCT 4), Texas State University pays \$125.00 for each correct and completed controlled buy/sting and follow-up reported. Each year, the total amount contracted changes, due to budget restraints, grant restraints and grant parameters with Texas State. The current contracted total allotted for this year is \$27, 250.00.

There are no restrictions or language written in the contract expressing the need of Texas State's authorization or approval utilizing the TEP funds.

The PCT 4 Constable's Office, with approval of Commissioner's Court, would like to use the funds received via TEP grant for, but limited to:

1. Promote Public Safety-Purchasing of materials/goods promoting safety, agency goods/handouts labeled with "Fort Bend County PCT 4 Constable's Office" etc.
2. Agency Needs-Training, office, and breakroom supplies, general law enforcement equipment, and consumable foods for personnel.



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3. Law enforcement and community charitable events-fundraisers for deputies and/or their family, events for communities or organizations -Boy's and Girl's Club etc.

Should the agency need to purchase an item(s) not mentioned above, the agency will adhere to the county's procurement purchasing policy and seek approval of the County Auditor's Office prior to purchasing. The eligible uses of the funds must fall into a category of de-minimis cost.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mike Beard", is written over a horizontal line.

Constable Mike Beard