

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING OF BUDGET SURPLUS OF FORT BEND COUNTY  
**FOR THE YEAR 2023**

On this the 24th day of January 2023, the Commissioners' Court, with the following members being present:

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| KP George       | - | County Judge             |
| Vincent Morales | - | Commissioner Precinct #1 |
| Grady Prestage  | - | Commissioner Precinct #2 |
| Andy Meyers     | - | Commissioner Precinct #3 |
| Dexter L. McCoy | - | Commissioner Precinct #4 |

The following proceedings were had, to-wit,

THAT WHEREAS, theretofore, on September 13, 2022, the Court heard and approved the budget for the year 2023 for Fort Bend County; and WHEREAS, on proper application, the Commissioners' Court has transferred an existing budget surplus to a budget of a similar kind and fund. The transfer does not increase the total of the budget.

The following transfers to said budget are hereby authorized:

Department Name: American Rescue Plan Act Accounting Unit: 990409999

**TRANSFER TO:**

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
ARPA-CIP		
Moetivations Services	ARPA-CIP- TBD	\$ 83,854
FUSUS Project	ARPA-CIP- TBD	\$ 50,000
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERRED TO:</b>		<b>\$ 133,854</b>

**TRANSFER FROM:**

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
ARPA-CIP EMS Equipment	ARPA-CIP 22100	\$ 133,854
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERRED FROM:</b>		<b>\$ 133,854</b>

**EXPLANATION:** Procure Moetivations Services artifical intelligence software for quality assurance in Dispatch  
FUSUS Project is a county wide public safety effort to reduce violent crime and also address the affect of the pandemic.

Department Head: *Patricia Gubbs* Date: 1/13/2023

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THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KP George, County Judge

	GL Transfer
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## Gubbels, Pamela

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**From:** Zamora, Manuel  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** Gubbels, Pamela  
**Cc:** Fagan, Eric; Provost, Mattie; Gibbs, Leslie  
**Subject:** FW: ARPA Fund Consideration: Moetivations Project and FUSUS Project

Good afternoon, Finance Director Pamela Gubbels:

Please see the forwarded email from Auditor Ed Sturdivant in response to our request to fund Moetivations and FUSUS projects through ARPA.

The Sheriff's Office sought a review of this request and received confirmation that the projects are eligible for ARPA funding.

Would you have a few minutes to discuss this tomorrow morning via a phone call?

Sincerely,

Manuel Zamora, Assistant Chief Deputy  
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**From:** Sturdivant, Ed <Ed.Sturdivant@fortbendcountytexas.gov>  
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**To:** Zamora, Manuel <Manuel.Zamora@fortbendcountytexas.gov>  
**Cc:** Provost, Mattie <Mattie.Provost@fortbendcountytexas.gov>; Gibbs, Leslie <Leslie.Gibbs@fortbendcountytexas.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: ARPA Fund Consideration: Moetivations Project and FUSUS Project

Chief Zamora,

You now have confirmation of eligibility for these initiatives. Please proceed with coordinating with Pamela for ARPA budget allocation to be presented to Commissioners Court.

Thanks,  
Ed

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**From:** Vicky Ngoie <[vngoie@mpact-consulting.com](mailto:vngoie@mpact-consulting.com)>  
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**To:** Sturdivant, Ed [Ed.Sturdivant@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Ed.Sturdivant@fortbendcountytexas.gov)  
**Cc:** Vicky Ngoie <[vngoie@mpact-consulting.com](mailto:vngoie@mpact-consulting.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: ARPA Fund Consideration: Moetivations Project and FUSUS Project

Good Afternoon Ed,  
As presented, Moetivation Service, the use of artificial intelligence software; and FUSUS project, are eligible use of ARPA funds, to address the increase of call volume and countywide crime rates due to COVID-19. If any further assistance is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thanks!

Vicky~

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**From:** Sturdivant, Ed <[Ed.Sturdivant@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Ed.Sturdivant@fortbendcountytexas.gov)>  
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**Subject:** FW: ARPA Fund Consideration: Moetivations Project and FUSUS Project

Vicky,

Please review for ARPA eligibility.

Thanks,  
Ed

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**From:** Zamora, Manuel <[Manuel.Zamora@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Manuel.Zamora@fortbendcountytexas.gov)>  
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**Subject:** ARPA Fund Consideration: Moetivations Project and FUSUS Project

Good afternoon, Director Ed Sturdivant

Thank you for your time and the guidance you provided in our request to gain approval to use ARPA funding for the below:

Moetivations Services, one year \$83,853.60. Use of artificial intelligence software to randomly select audio dispatch recordings and have quality assurance technicians review the recordings.

The Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) to which FBCSO dispatch subscribes requires that 7% of emergency (medical (EMS) and fire calls) be reviewed for quality. This is a best practice and is followed by FBCSO Communications. This is also necessary since a request for 2 QA technician positions to manage this task directly related to the increased call volume during the pandemic were not approved by Commissioners Court during FY2023 budget hearings.

The use of Moetivations Services addresses the economic impact and public health effect on the Sheriff's Office dispatch operations directly related to COVID-19, particularly the rise in random reviews of recordings:

Additional Justification:

- Fewer applicants responded to recruitment of tele communicators during the pandemic
- The Emergency Management District (Fire and EMS) require the FBCSO to review calls for QA, despite the increases in fire and EMS calls
- The increased numbers of medic, fire, and police calls necessitates a higher number of random reviews for quality control purposes. By assigning one telecommunicator to do this job, the workload for current telecommunicators has also increased as no position exists solely for quality control/quality assurance

FUSUS project \$50,000. This is a county-wide public safety effort to reduce violent crime and also addresses the effect of the pandemic. Crime is a public health issue and numbers increased during the pandemic due to quarantining by many people. For example, domestic and family disturbances and child-related calls increased.

FUSUS enables Sheriff's Office patrol deputies and dispatchers to access donor cameras for the purpose of viewing, responding to, and investigating violent crime and apprehending violent offenders (and others).

The justification for this program is that fewer job applicants for deputy due, in relevant part, to fewer interaction among and between people and open businesses led to fewer applicants available for hire.

Workload increases due to increased calls led to unmet service requests and increases in criminal investigations being assigned to a short-staffed division. This led to higher caseloads for investigators and increase in time before a case is solved.

The growing population and increased crime with fewer deputies and investigators necessitates use of modern technology to address the effect of the pandemic.

FUSUS programming was integrated into the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system of the Sheriff's Office Communications section along with its conversion of donor cameras from Fort Bend County businesses and residents. This programming acts as a force multiplier by enabling patrol deputies and investigators to more effectively and efficiently respond to crime scenes and investigate the larger number of reported crimes while staffing levels remain vacant.

This is a one-year program that is open to renewal each year.

After your approval, I will make outreach to Director Pamela Gubbels.

Respectfully,

Manuel Zamora, Assistant Chief Deputy  
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