



TO: County Judge and Commissioners Court

FROM: Joe Wright, Constable Precinct 4

DATE: 17 April 2015

RE: Approval to Apply – Tobacco Enforcement Program FY 2016 Grant

Constable Wright respectfully requests permission to apply for the Texas State School Safety Center Tobacco Enforcement Program FY 2016 grant. The grant will provide money for two officers and a minor decoy to conduct controlled buys/stings of permitted retail outlets of tobacco products within the geographical area of Constable Precinct 4. The state will provide \$75.00 for each controlled buy/sting operation conducted for up to 200% of the permitted retail outlets. Our agency intends to conduct operations at 100% of the 535 permitted retailers within Collin County, an equivalent of \$40,125.00.

This program will penalize retailers who sell tobacco products to minors, thereby reducing the opportunity for minors to purchase tobacco products. The controlled buys/stings will be conducted after normal working hours; deputies will be compensated through paid overtime. The grant funding period is from September 1, 2015, to August 31, 2016.

According to the Texas School Safety Center there are no other agencies within Collin County participating in this program. They have asked that our agency be the primary agency for this program in Collin County.

Regards,

Joe Wright
Constable, Pct. 4