## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

JIM SKINNER, SHERIFF

Date: October 24, 2022

To: Commander Chris Perepiczka

Captain David Crossland

From: Lieutenant David Barnett

Re: GED Test Proctor Funding

According to Local Government Code Sec. 351.0415(c): The sheriff or the sheriff's designee may use commissary proceeds only to:

(1) fund, staff, and equip a program addressing the social needs of the inmates, including an educational or recreational program and religious or rehabilitative counseling;

(2) supply inmates with clothing, writing materials, and hygiene supplies;

(3) establish, staff, and equip the commissary operation and fund the salaries of staff responsible for managing the inmates' commissary accounts;

(4) fund, staff, and equip both an educational and a law library for the educational use of inmates; or

(5) fund physical plant improvements, technology, equipment, programs, services, and activities that provide for the well-being, health, safety, and security of the inmates and the facility.

Under these requirements I would request the following be purchased using commissary funds:

As part of the continuing education program hosted by Collin County Sheriff's Office for the inmate population. General Education Development (GED) preparation and testing. Our facility is authorized through Pearson VUE to provide testing. In previous years, Frisco Independent School District (FISD) has provided two proctors which are required to register and test the applicable inmates. The costs for said services are as follows:

Pearson VUE GED testing voucher fee

\$36.25 per candidate

FISD Proctor Wages

\$50.00 per hour

To best meet the needs of those testing, I am recommending an initial amount of \$7,140.00 be approved to cover the estimated costs of testing a group of four inmates each month for the year. \$1,740 would be placed in the voucher account with Pearson VUE and \$5,400 would be used to pay for test proctors.

