



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 02/21/2024

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SECTION/HAZARDS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES – PUBLIC HEALTH

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submission of the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preparedness Section/Hazards Public Health Emergency Preparedness (CPS/Hazards-PHEP) Grant Application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

BACKGROUND

Historically, Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) has received annual funding from DSHS through various grant contracts to perform a variety of essential public health services. The CPS/Hazards-PHEP grant contract supports the operation of the activities of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to perform Public Health Emergency Preparedness activities.

The CPS/Hazards-PHEP grant is a recurring grant that provides funding for the salaries of twelve (12) full-time TCPH PHEP staff. TCPH PHEP staff perform activities in support of CDC’s PHEP Cooperative Agreement with DSHS. These activities include performing exercises on response plans to determine if updates are necessary, distributing preparedness messaging to vulnerable populations, providing educational materials, and performing disease surveillance activities related to communicable diseases.

With approval, TCPH will apply for grant funding in the amount of \$1,249,661.00 for the continuation of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Division. This grant requires a ten percent (10%) match in the amount of \$124,966.00. TCPH will provide a budget template and contract checklist to DSHS as the application submission for the CPS/Hazards-PHEP grant contract for FY 2025. Grant funding will be used to maintain current staffing levels and provide needed materials used to meet grant deliverables.

This grant application is for Year 1 of a 5-year funding cycle. The grant deadline is February 21, 2024.

The Criminal District Attorney’s Office has approved this Face Page as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

In addition to the grant of \$1,249,661.00 in federal funding (F0043-2025), grant match funds of \$124,966.00 will be provided by public health funds in T0400-2025.

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