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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS
SECTION/LABORATORY RESPONSE NETWORK - PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT AGREEMENT**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the FY 2025 Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Community Preparedness Section/Laboratory Response Network-Public Health Emergency Preparedness (CPS/LRN-PHEP) Grant Agreement Contract No. HHS001439000003.

BACKGROUND

Historically, TCPH has received annual funding from DSHS through various grant agreements to perform essential public health services in support of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement between DSHS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CPS/LRN-PHEP grant is a recurring grant dedicated to supporting LRN laboratory activities, including rule-out and confirmatory testing of emerging infectious agents or suspected bioterrorism agents in specimens submitted by, but not limited to, hospitals and law enforcement. Grant funding supports staff salaries, laboratory testing supplies, and training of both staff and community partners..

On February 21, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order # 142647, approved submission of the FY 2024-2025 CPS/LRN-PHEP Grant Application to the DSHS for grant funding in the amount of \$238,263.00 for the continuation of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Division.

With approval of the CPS/LRN-PHEP, TCPH will receive \$238,263.00 in federal funding for the continuation of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Division. There is a required ten percent (10%) match amount of \$23,826.00 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$262,089.00. The term of the grant agreement is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Grant funding will be used to maintain current staffing levels and provide needed materials used to meet grant deliverables. DSHS, at its sole discretion, may extend this Grant agreement for up to four (4) additional years for a maximum term of five (5) years.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this contract as to form.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Monica Tipton Sabrina Vidaurri
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FISCAL IMPACT

All associated cost will be paid from grant fund allocations in Grant-2004/F0042-2025, T0451-2025.

In addition to the grant of \$238,263.00 each FY in federal funding (F0042-2025), a 10% grant match funds of \$23,826.00 is required and will be provided by public health funds in T0451-2024 and T0451-2025.

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