



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT
COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH
SERVICES FOR TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH'S
LABORATORY TESTING OF MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2024 Interlocal Cooperation Contract, #HHS001316800001, between Tarrant County and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Tarrant County Public Health Department's (TCPH) laboratory testing of milk and dairy products.

BACKGROUND

TCPH receives yearly support from DSHS to perform a variety of essential public health services. This grant contract provides funding to support TCPH's milk and dairy testing activities.

TCPH's North Texas Regional Laboratory (NTRL) performs regional testing on milk and dairy products through this annual fee-for-service contract. Reimbursement rates are set by the State of Texas Legislature on a periodic basis based on increased costs for testing. This is an essential public health service in support of the US Food and Drug Administration Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO), which is administered through the Texas DSHS Milk Group. The milk and dairy industry must meet the requirements of the PMO to ensure the quality and safety of milk and dairy products produced in the North Texas Region. Tarrant County's participation in this program ensures the ability to ship and sell milk and dairy products manufactured in the State of Texas, within the state and nationally.

On June 6, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141014, approved the Fiscal Year 2024 Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Tarrant County and the DSHS.

With approval of Amendment No. 1, the Fee-for-Service/Unit Rates listed in Attachment A-1, Statement of Work, will be updated to include a twenty-percent (20%) reimbursement increase for milk and dairy testing, and TCPH NTRL will continue to perform the quality testing component of the PMO as a state-certified public health milk laboratory. All other terms and conditions not hereby amended remain in full force and effect.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed this amendment as to form.

SUBMITTED BY:	Public Health	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Rune-Par Nilsson
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FISCAL IMPACT

All associated revenue and costs will be received and paid from grant account F0071-2050. There will be no impact to the Public Health Fund (T0400-2024).

There is no indirect cost, match, or operating subsidy required for this grant contract.