



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 12/05/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH
OFFICIALS FOR THE 2024 MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS
OPERATIONS READINESS AWARDS**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve submittal of a grant application to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Awards (ORA) to seek grant funding for the Tarrant County Medical Reserve Corps (TCMRC).

BACKGROUND

TCMRC was established in 2003 and is comprised of more than 3,000 volunteers who are utilized to assist the 2.1 million residents of Tarrant County during a Public Health Emergency and other times of community need. TCMRC is part of the Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) Department, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Division, and is integrated into the County's emergency response plans and infrastructure. TCMRC works in coordination with the Tarrant County Office of Emergency Management, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VP).

With support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), NACCHO is offering a funding opportunity for the CY 2024 MRC ORA which will provide funding to MRC units to develop emergency response capabilities of MRC volunteers and units to meet the emergency preparedness and response needs of local, regional, or statewide stakeholders. Approximately 125 awards and the total amount per award would be based on Tier levels. Selections will be made between December 12, 2023 and December 30, 2023, and the project period will run from the date of contract execution to September 29, 2024.

TCMRC provides volunteer staffing at local shelters, testing sites and/or Point of Dispensing Sites in the event of a large-scale public health emergency.

With approval, TCPH will submit an application to receive \$10,000.00 in grant funds. The funds will be utilized to expand online education opportunities for Tarrant County MRC volunteers. The effective date will be determined after applications have been submitted and scored, and the contract has been signed by all parties.

The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed this grant application.

SUBMITTED BY:	Public Health	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Monica Tipton Sabrina Vidaurri
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FISCAL IMPACT

The grant will provide \$10,000.00 in funds to be utilized over the term of the contract to support MRC activities in Tarrant County.

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