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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF AWARD FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE, AND DATA MODERNIZATION PROGRAM – PUBLIC HEALTH

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Notice of Award (NOA), 5 NE11OE000043-02-00, for supplemental funding between Tarrant County and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for the Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Modernization program.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, the American Rescue Plan was enacted by the United States (U.S.) Congress to provide CDC funding to local, state, and territorial health departments to strengthen public health systems, workforce, and data infrastructure. This funding is called the Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) and it invests in the critical needs of health departments across the U.S.

The five (5) year grant helps Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) hire, retain, sustain, and train the public health workforce, and strengthen the department's foundational public health capabilities. In addition, this grant assists with data modernization and the expansion, improvement and acceleration of public health services. TCPH, through this grant, works to fill the gaps in public health infrastructure by ensuring that the TCPH workforce and systems can adequately investigate, prevent, and contain adverse health effects from preventable illness and future disease outbreaks for Tarrant County residents.

On July 12, 2022, the Commissioner's Court, through Court Order #138571, approved the submission of a grant application to CDC in response to a grant funding opportunity titled, "Strengthening US Public Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems."

On December 13, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139951, approved Notice of Award, 1 NE11OE000043-01-00, for \$20,162,748.00 in funding for a term of five (5) years from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027. The grant may include supplemental funding in subsequent years continuing to help advance data modernization and expand, accelerate, and improve public health services to better address public health concerns.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Carmen Johnson Angela Hagy
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With approval of this NOA, 5 NE11OE000043-02-00, TCPH will receive \$1,650,167.00 in supplemental funding to continue supporting foundational capabilities through twenty-one (21) current positions related to performance management, accreditation, enhanced communication, and data governance improvement.

All other terms and conditions remain of full force and effect.

The Tarrant County Budget and Risk Management Office have reviewed this Notice of Award.

FISCAL IMPACT

All associated costs will be paid from grant fund allocations in F0118-2024. There will be no fiscal impact to the County's General Fund.

There is no match or operating subsidy for this NOA.