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SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT FORM A FACE PAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FOR TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH'S LABORATORY MILK AND DAIRY TESTING ACTIVITIES – PUBLIC HEALTH

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submittal of the Fiscal Year 2025 Interlocal Cooperation Contract Form A Face Page, Contract #HHS001316800001, to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) Department's laboratory milk and dairy testing activities.

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.

On November 21, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142184, approved Amendment No. 1, which increased the Fee-for-Service reimbursement rates by twenty percent (20%) for milk and dairy testing.

With approval, the Form A Face Page will be submitted to DSHS. Once received, DSHS will use the form to determine funding for FY 2025.

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

SUBMITTED BY:	Public Health	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Rune-Par Nillson Talmage Holmes
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FISCAL IMPACT

All associated revenue and costs will be received and paid from grant account F0071-2050.

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