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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF SERIES 2024 HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES BY THE TARRANT COUNTY CULTURAL EDUCATION FACILITIES FINANCE CORPORATION FOR CHRISTUS HEALTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000,000.00

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the issuance of Series 2024 Hospital Revenue Bonds in one or more series by the Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (TCCEFFC) for CHRISTUS Health in an amount not to exceed \$600,000,000.00.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation is a Texas non-profit corporation created under the Texas Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation Act (the Act). Under the Act, not only can bonds be issued for cultural facilities including museums, charter schools and retirement facilities, but can also be used for health facilities. On March 11, 2003, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #89712, approved the formal creation of the TCCEFFC.

The TCCEFFC Board of Directors adopted a resolution on March 27, 2024 approving the issuance of tax-exempt Series 2024 Hospital Revenue Bonds for CHRISTUS Health in an amount not to exceed \$600,000,000.00. The proceeds of the Series 2024 Bonds will be used to (i) finance the purchase, development, construction, renovation, rehabilitation, and/or equipping of health facilities of CHRISTUS Health, and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of other bond series.

The Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds was filed with the Tarrant County Clerk on April 3, 2024. The application fee has been paid to Tarrant County. A public hearing was held on March 15, 2024. The public hearing notice and affidavits of publication have been provided. A letter from Baylor Scott and White has been provided addressing their efforts in relation to the Tarrant County HUB Policy, and representing that they are not aware of any use restrictions on facilities located in Tarrant County, Texas.

In order for the bonds to qualify as tax exempt under Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, certain federal and state tax law requirements must be met, including having a governmental entity in which the financed facilities are located approve the issuance of such bonds for the benefit of the borrower. Resolutions of approvals, as it relates to the bond issuances, have been included from the following Texas Counties: Hopkins, Anderson, Titus, Bowie, Dallas, Gregg, Rusk, Smith, Nueces, Orange, Bexar and Otero County, New Mexico.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Maegan P. South
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Attached for Commissioners Court approval is the proposed Resolution approving the sale and issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds by the TCCEFFC on behalf of CHRISTUS Health.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The TCCEFFC will issue the bonds. Tarrant County is not liable for the repayment of the principal or interest associated with these bonds. The bonds expressly provide that neither the assets nor credit of the County have been pledged to support issuance of these bonds. Tarrant County is approving the bonds solely for the purpose of satisfying Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tarrant County receives a \$10,000.00 application fee associated with the approval of the issuance.

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