



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF AWARD BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION – PUBLIC HEALTH**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Notice of Award (NOA), 6 NH75OT000054-01-04, for a second no cost extension extending the term, between Tarrant County and the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address COVID-19 health disparities among populations at high-risk and underserved, including racial and ethnic minority populations and rural communities in Tarrant County Texas.

**BACKGROUND**

The United States Congress enacted the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to provide COVID-19 emergency response and relief funding to CDC. The CDC has provided this funding to local, state, and territorial health departments to address COVID-19 related health disparities for communities that need it most through testing, vaccination, contact tracing and other mitigation strategies.

Through this grant, Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) investigates, prevents, and contains adverse health effects from preventable disease and outbreaks. In addition, TCPH serves in a leadership role in planning and response activities for public health emergencies, collaborates with other local responders and state and federal agencies to intervene in public health pandemics. Furthermore, TCPH coordinates public health system efforts and develops partnerships with entities, public and private, engaged in services that actively address health issues.

This funding supports the hiring of staff for disease tracking, contact tracing, outreach, vaccination, data analysis, and funding community partnerships to address better health outcomes for all Tarrant County residents.

On March 23, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #135075, approved submission of an application for up to \$26,000,000.00 in response to a Request for Applications (RFA) from the CDC as part of a national initiative to address COVID-19 health disparities.

On June 8, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #135624, approved a Notice of Award for grant funding in the amount of \$27,241,785.00 for the term of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023. There was no match amount required for this award.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Carmen Johnson J'Vonnah Maryman
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On January 24, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140173, approved a Notice of Award, #6 NH75OT000054-01-03 for a no cost extension, extending the CDC Grant budget and project period to May 31, 2024.

With approval of NOA 6 NH75OT000054-01-04, a second no cost extension will be granted to extend the budget and project period to May 31, 2025.

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

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

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

All associated costs will be paid from grant fund allocations in F0102-2024. There will be no fiscal impact to the County's General Fund.

There is no direct cost, match, or operating subsidy for this extension.