



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 02/21/2024

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SECTION/LABORATORY RESPONSE NETWORK PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES - PUBLIC HEALTH

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Fiscal Year 2025 submission of the Community Preparedness Section/Laboratory Response Network-Public Health Emergency Preparedness (CPS/LRN-PHEP) Grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

BACKGROUND

Historically, Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) has received annual funding from DSHS through various grant contracts to perform a variety of essential public health services. The CPS/LRN-PHEP grant contract supports the operation of the Bioterrorism Response and Emerging Agents Section at the TCPH North Texas Regional Laboratory.

The CPS/LRN-PHEP grant is a recurring grant that provides funding for the salaries of two (2) full-time TCPH PHEP staff. TCPH PHEP staff supports LRN laboratory activities, including rule-out and confirmatory testing of emerging infectious agents or suspected bioterrorism agents in specimens submitted by, but not limited to, hospitals and law enforcement.

With approval, TCPH will apply for grant funding in the amount of \$238,263.00 for the continuation of the Public Health Laboratory Response. This grant requires a ten percent (10%) match in the amount of \$23,826.00. TCPH will provide a budget template and contract checklist to DSHS as the application submission for the CPS/LRN-PHEP grant contract for FY 2025. Grant funding will support staff salaries, laboratory testing supplies, and training of both staff and community partners.

This grant application is for Year 1 of a 5-year funding cycle. The grant deadline is February 21, 2024.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this Face Page as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

In addition to the grant of \$238,263.00 in federal funding (F0042-2025), grant match funds of \$23,826.00 will be provided by public health funds in account T0400-2025.

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