



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 03/07/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND 2025 TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES LABORATORY
RESPONSE NETWORK INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE AND
EPIDEMIOLOGY ACTIVITIES GRANT CONTRACT**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the renewal of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Laboratory Response Network (LRN) Influenza Surveillance and Epidemiology (IDCU/FLU LAB) Grant Contract HHS000442100006 for FY 2024 and FY 2025 funding.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) Department's North Texas Regional Laboratory participates in the seasonal influenza surveillance program that tests clinical specimens for influenza viruses by the rapid real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) method. The DSHS LRN Influenza Surveillance and Epidemiology Activities Grant contract renewal provides funding for supplies used to test by RT-PCR of up to 200 clinical specimens per year from the assigned LRN jurisdiction.

TCPH received notification from DSHS that FY 2024 and FY 2025 funding for the IDCU/FLU LAB grant will be \$5,000.00 per fiscal year (September 1 through August 31) for a cumulative total not to exceed \$10,000.00. The grant period would be September 1, 2023, and end August 31, 2025.

With approval, TCPH will provide a budget template and contract renewal checklist template to DSHS as a requirement to renew the IDCU/FLU LAB grant contract for FY 2024 and FY 2025 funding.

No match requirement, indirect cost, or operating subsidy is required for this grant.

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 F0054-2024. The associated administrative cost will be minimum. No additional operating funds will be utilized.

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