



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 04/18/2023

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES GRANT
CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COVID-19 OUTBREAK
ACTIVITIES**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Amendment No. 5 to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Grant Contract #HHS000812700030 for the provision of COVID-19 outbreak activities.

BACKGROUND

On August 11, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #133446, approved the original Grant Contract with DSHS to support both Epidemiology and Laboratory response activities, including salaries and supplies. The Grant Contract provided funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,329,576.00 of which \$1,070,576.00 was allocated to COVID-19 response activities and \$1,259,000.00 was allocated to COVID-19 Laboratory Response Network (LRN) activities. The term of the contract ended on April 30, 2022.

On January 12, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #134586, approved Amendment No. 1, revising the budget to move funds from the Contractual category into the Personnel, Fringe and Other category.

On September 14, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #136345, approved Amendment No. 2, increasing funding by \$3,924,884.00, bringing the not-to-exceed amount to \$6,254,460.00. In addition, the contract term was extended to July 31, 2023.

On May 24, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138219, approved Amendment No. 3, extending the term through July 31, 2024. No additional funds were provided through this amendment.

On September 6, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139050, approved Amendment No. 4, increasing funding by \$116,463.00, bringing the not-to-exceed amount to \$6,370,923.00.

Amendment No. 5 adds funding in the amount of \$16,925.00 under LRN CORE A2, a new funding category added by DSHS, bringing the not-to-exceed total to \$6,531,848.00. The additional funding will be used for reagents and laboratory supplies to support continued testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory viral infections. The budget is amended accordingly, and all other terms and conditions not hereby amended remain in full force and effect.

SUBMITTED BY:	Public Health	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Run-Par Nilsson
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There is no match amount required for this grant contract.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

All associated costs will be paid from a new grant fund assigned by the Auditor's Office.

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