



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PAGE 1 OF 81

DATE: 04/18/2023

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE HEALTH SERVICES COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS  
SECTION/LABORATORY RESPONSE NETWORK – PUBLIC  
HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT AGREEMENT**

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

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Community Preparedness Section/Laboratory Response Network - Public Health Emergency Preparedness (CPS/LRN-PHEP) Grant Agreement, Contract #HHS001311400003, for FY 2024 funding.

**BACKGROUND**

Historically, TCPH has received annual funding from DSHS through various grant agreements to perform essential public health services in support of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement between DSHS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CPS/LRN-PHEP grant is a recurring grant dedicated to supporting 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. Grant funding supports staff salaries, laboratory testing supplies, and training of both staff and community partners.

On March 21, 2017, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #124803, approved the most recent base contract with DSHS for FY 2018 grant funding. Over the years, the Court has approved annual amendments for additional grant funding for FY 2019 through FY 2023.

On February 7, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140244, authorized TCPH to provide a budget template and contract renewal checklist template to DSHS as a requirement to receive the CPS/LRN-PHEP Grant Agreement renewal from DSHS for approval and signature.

With approval of the CPS/LRN-PHEP Grant Agreement, TCPH will receive up to \$238,263.00 from DSHS to continue supporting staff salaries, laboratory testing supplies, and training of both staff and community partners. There is a required grant match amount of \$23,826.00 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$262,089.00. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated, renewed, or extended. This FY 2024 CPS/LRN-PHEP Grant Agreement will be the new base contract to which future funding years will be provided to Commissioners Court as amendments for approval.

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

SUBMITTED BY:	Public Health	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Run-Par Nilsson
---------------	---------------	------------------------------	-----------------



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 04/18/2023 PAGE 2 OF 81

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

In addition to the grant of \$238,263.00 in federal funding (F0042-2024), grant match funds of \$23,826.00 will be provided by public health funds in T0410-2024.

***Please Note: Due to the volume of information, copies of the entire packet are not being reproduced for distribution. However, the information may be viewed online in the Commissioners Court's agenda on the Tarrant County website or in the Commissioners Court records within the County Clerk's Office.***