



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 06/06/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH FOR TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH’S LABORATORY TESTING OF MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Interlocal Cooperation Contact, #HHS001316800001, between Tarrant County and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Tarrant County Public Health Department’s (TCPH) laboratory testing of milk and dairy products.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant County Public Health Department receives yearly support from DSHS, in the form of grant contracts, to perform a variety of essential public health services. The proposed grant contract renewal provides funding to support the Tarrant County Public Health Department’s milk and dairy testing activities.

TCPH’s North Texas Regional Laboratory (NTRL) performs regional testing on milk and dairy products through this annual fee-for-service contract. Reimbursement rates are set by the State of Texas Legislature on a periodic basis based on increased costs for testing. This is an essential public health service in support of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Grade “A” Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO), which is administered through the Texas DSHS Milk Group. The milk and dairy industry must meet the requirements of the PMO to ensure the quality and safety of milk and dairy products produced in the North Texas Region. Tarrant County’s participation in this program ensures the ability to ship and sell milk and dairy products, manufactured in the State of Texas, within the state and nationally.

With approval, TCPH’s NTRL will continue to perform the quality testing component of the PMO as a state-certified public health milk laboratory.

Funding support for this contract is a fee for services reimbursement with a not-to-exceed amount of \$296,875.00 for FY 2024. The term of this contract is September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

This 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 account F0071-2050. There will be no impact to the Public Health Fund (T0400-2023 and T0400-2024).

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

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