



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS' STATE, TERRITORY AND TRIBAL NATIONS, REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATIONS FOR NEXT GENERATION GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE TARRANT COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submittal of a grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Medical Resource Corps' (MRC) State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC-STTRONG) Grant Program to Support the Tarrant County Medical Reserve Corps (TCMRC).

BACKGROUND

TCMRC was established in 2003 and is comprised of more than 3,000 volunteers who are utilized to assist the 2.1 million residents of Tarrant County during a Public Health Emergency and other times of community need. TCMRC is part of the Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Division, and is integrated into the County's emergency response plans and infrastructure. TCMRC works in coordination with the Tarrant County Office of Emergency Management, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VP).

DSHS has received funding from the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) for the first-ever MRC-STTRONG grant award. DSHS will utilize MRC-STTRONG funds to address gaps in volunteer management processes identified in the agency and strengthen the MRC network. DSHS Center of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (CHEPR) functions as the State coordinating body for local MRC Units within the State of Texas. It is the responsibility of the State MRC Coordinator to assist local MRC Units in building capacity and capability to help their respective communities be prepared for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

With approval, TCPH will submit the required paperwork for this grant funding application. The expected contract term will be November 1, 2023 through May 30, 2025. DSHS has allocated grant funding in the amount of \$47,242.00 to Tarrant County. Funding will be utilized to support TCMRC activities, including volunteer recruitment, retention, recognition, and training.

The Tarrant County Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed this grant application.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The grant will provide \$47,242.00 in funds which will be assigned to a new grant fund by the Auditor's Office.

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