



## COLLIN COUNTY

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**TO:** Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Candy Blair, Manager, Health Care Services

**DATE:** May 24, 2016

**RE:** Grant Extension/Level Funding—Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY2017 Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surveillance and Epidemiology Activities (IDCU/SUR) funds

Attached for approval is the FY2017 renewal application for DSHS IDCU/SUR funds for the grant period 9/1/2015-8/31/2017. DSHS recently issued an email to our staff members indicating the current IDCU/SUR contract would be extended an additional year with level funding. Due to the grant application deadline being 5/23/2016, the application was submitted to DSHS in a timely manner and needs ratification. The current contract 2016-003785-00 began on 9/1/2015, was due to end on 8/31/2016, and will now be extended through 8/31/2017. Consequently, our county was requested to submit a budget for the additional funding to cover the extended contract period of one year in the amount of \$78,475. The purpose of the IDCU/SUR funds is to support efforts by local health departments in addressing public health issues, specifically the surveillance and epidemiology activities associated with foodborne and waterborne illnesses such as Salmonellosis, E. coli, Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, and Cyclosporiasis.

Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS) plans to use the DSHS funds primarily towards the salary and fringe benefits of an existing Epidemiologist. Due to the current salary and fringe costs themselves exceeding the total grant funding amount, approximately 6% of the salary and fringe (≈\$5,000) will need to be paid through the Healthcare personnel budget. The Epidemiologist is responsible for the investigation, data entry, and electronic reporting to DSHS of foodborne and waterborne illnesses as required in the Texas Administrative Code § 97.3 for Collin County. By maintaining our epidemiology and surveillance capacity, CCHCS is striving to reduce the spread of foodborne and waterborne illnesses in our community.