



COLLIN COUNTY

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TO: Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Health Care Administrator

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RE: Ratification of FY 2017-FY 2018 Zika Funding Request—New DSHS Grant

As a result of federal funding being set aside for Zika, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has alerted public health agencies of available funding through the state via the Public Health Preparedness grant (administered by the DSHS Public Health Preparedness and Response Section) and the Epidemiology, Lab Capacity grant (administered by the DSHS Infectious Disease Prevention Section). The Zika funding available for Collin County for the one year period 3/1/2017 – 6/30/2018 is a total of \$187,574 (\$90,886 PHPR allocation, \$96,688 ELC allocation). Due to the grant budget submission deadline being 2/6/2015, the budget was submitted to DSHS in a timely manner and needs ratification.

The purpose of the Zika funding is to support local health departments in their timely identification and investigation of Zika cases and potential outbreaks in our community. Additionally, the funding is meant to enhance preparedness, outreach, response, and surveillance activities for public health agencies.

Our county's budget submission reflects our intent to use the funding towards the hiring of two Epidemiology Interns, travel expenses for Epidemiology staff training, mosquito trapping equipment/supplies, education materials, Zika home and/or personal preparedness kits, environmental control supplies, dissemination of information through various media outlets, and contracted laboratory and clinical services for surge capacity in testing individuals for Zika and other program needs.

Zika continues to be a public health concern on a national, state, and local level. By requesting and accepting the available Zika funding, Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS), in collaboration with our Public Health Emergency Preparedness team, Development Services group, and local environmental health agencies, is fortifying our capacity to monitor and respond to Zika in Collin County.