



COLLIN COUNTY

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TO: Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Health Care Administrator

DATE: March 28, 2017

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

Attached for approval is the FY2017-FY2018 Zika funding through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The Zika funding award for Collin County for the one year period 3/1/2017 – 7/31/2018 is a total of \$187,574 (\$90,886 PPHR allocation, \$96,688 ELC allocation).

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.