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

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

**DATE:** February 21, 2019

**RE:** Renewal Application—Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY2020-FY2021 Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surveillance and Epidemiology Activities (IDCU/SUR) funds

Attached for approval is the DSHS IDCU/SUR FY2020-FY2021 renewal application for the two year grant period, 9/1/2019-8/31/2021, in the amount of \$342,445. Due to the grant application deadline being 2/8/2019, the application was submitted to DSHS in a timely manner.

Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS) plans to primarily use DSHS IDCU SUR funds towards the salary and fringe benefits of two existing Epidemiologists. Other costs such as travel for training, educational materials/supplies, and related program expenses are included in the budget.

The DSHS IDCU SUR grant allocation is insufficient to cover the salary and fringe benefits of the two existing full time Epidemiologist positions beginning 9/1/2019. Consequently, I will be requesting approval to increase Healthcare's departmental personnel budget lines for FY2020 and FY2021 to ensure the full salary and fringe for these positions are included. Over the two year period, salary and fringe costs are expected to exceed the grant budget by \$74,591. We have requested additional funding from the state and are awaiting a response as to whether additional funding will be available for the contract.

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. The Epidemiologists are 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.