



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 2020

TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair
Healthcare Care Services Administrator

RE: Renewal Application for Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS) FY2021 Hazards/Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant

Attached is the FY2021 Hazards renewal grant application for one year grant period 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 in the amount of \$562,786 to support the county's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities. The County match required for this funding is \$56,280 and will be met by using existing staff members' salaries and fringe. Due to the grant application deadline being 2/18/2020, the application was submitted to DSHS in a timely manner and needs approval.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness is a valuable source of funding for Collin County. The Hazards grant creates the abilities to effectively prepare and respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events. Preparedness activities funded by the PHEP cooperative agreement are targeted specifically for the development of emergency-ready public health departments that are flexible and adaptable.

PHEP follows the guidance of the CDC's fifteen public health capabilities, including; Community Preparedness and Recovery, Fatality Management, Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation, Mass Care, and Volunteer Management (MRC). CCHCS plans to use the allocated DSHS Hazards funds towards the current salaries of eight PHEP staff members. Other program costs such as mileage, travel for training, and supplies are included in the budget for review.

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