



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2020

TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair
Healthcare Care Services Administrator

RE: Amendment Application for FY2020 Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS) COVID-2019 Crisis CoAg grant

Attached for approval is the Amendment Application for the FY2020 COVID-2019 Crisis CoAg grant. Our county was recently notified that additional funds (\$687,462) would be available to support the county's coronavirus response activities. The additional funds would fall in the same one year grant period 3/15/2020-3/15/2021 as the original contract. Due to the grant application deadline being 4/14/2020, the application was submitted to DSHS in a timely manner and needs approval.

The COVID-2019 Crisis CoAg grant is a valuable source of funding for Collin County. The grant creates the abilities to effectively respond to the public health threats caused by the COVID-2019 pandemic. The activities funded by this grant center around increasing public health surveillance, laboratory testing, and reporting of coronavirus cases in the community. The required activities include identifying and reporting case data, performing contact tracing tasks, implementing infection control and disease mitigation measures, and developing a Community Intervention Implementation Plan. The plan would outline how our local jurisdiction will achieve goals related to slowing the transmission of COVID-2019, minimizing morbidity and mortality, and protecting the healthcare, workforce, and infrastructure functions of our county while minimizing the disease's social and financial impact.

The additional funds budgeted towards the COVID-2019 Crisis CoAg grant will be used in hiring staff members who can support the health department's increased communication, IT, and surveillance workload. The positions include a Public Information Officer, Functional Analyst, three (3) PHEP Specialists, and a PHEP Planner. Equipment has been budgeted to support the distribution of medical materials and Point of Dispensing (POD) activities. Funding for personal protective equipment (PPE) and testing supplies has been included to support grant activities. In addition to the salary and fringe for grant employees, other program expenses such as advertising costs, mileage, travel for training, and general office supplies are included in the budget for review.

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