

TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

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

**DATE**: April 17, 2021

RE: Application for Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY2021-2023 COVID-19 Vaccine Supplemental Grant Award Amount \$2,906,146.00-New Funding

Attached is the FY 2021-2023/2024 application for DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Supplemental funds for a grant period that will begin upon contract execution through June 30, 2024.

Total funds for this grant are \$2,906,146.00, which is split between two projects.

The Project 1 award of \$1,995,432.00 is provided for Collin County to increase COVID-19 vaccination capacity, including among high-risk and underserved populations.

The Project 3 award of \$910,714.00 is to ensure equitable distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines to Collin County residents.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded Texas funding for COVID-19 vaccination implementation activities and data analysis. Local Health Department awards are "one-time" only and activities should not incur future reoccurring costs beyond June 30, 2024.

Once contracts are executed the Health Department will implement vaccine strike teams to travel and provide vaccination services in non-traditional settings and/or to supplement the work of HUBS, local fire departments and private providers in underserved communities.

This additional funding will enable the health department to keep (2) current Epidemiologist for an additional year to 2022 and (3) current Epidemiologist until 2023 and (3) PHEP Specialist until 2023. This additional funding will enable the health department to keep the PIO until 2023.

This additional funding will enable the health department to hire (1) Financial Analyst and (1) Functional Analyst until 2024.

This additional funding will enable the health department to hire a Mobile Health Care Strike Force to provide vaccines in non-traditional settings that consists of (4) Registered Nurses, (1) Nurse Practitioner and (2) Medical Assistants until 2023. This staff will be utilized to provide surge to the health department.

I respectfully request that you approve this new funding for COVID-19 activities.