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TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Administrator, Health Care Services

DATE: August 10, 2021

RE: Acceptance of FY2021-2023 Public Health Workforce Grant Award
(Contract No. HHS001074700001) through the Texas Department of State
Health Services (DSHS)

Attached is the FY 2021-2023 application for DSHS Public Health Workforce funds for a grant period that will begin upon contract execution through June 30, 2023. Total funds for this grant are \$1,250,000.00.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded Texas funding to expand, train, and sustain the public health workforce. This grant is a unique opportunity for local jurisdictions and will be a valuable source of funding for Collin County's public health infrastructure. DSHS has given indication that there is a possibility that this grant will receive continuous funding in future years to sustain the public health workforce.

Local Health Department awards are "one-time" only and activities should not incur future reoccurring costs beyond June 30, 2023.

Once the contract is executed, the Health Department will hire and/or extend current employees that will enhance the capacity to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19 and other critical public health functions.

This additional funding will enable the Health Department to keep (2) current Epidemiologists until 2023.

This additional funding will enable the Health Department to hire (1) Financial Analyst, (1) Health Care Analyst, (1) Asset Management Technician, (1) Registered Nurse, and (1) Functional Analyst until 2023.

I respectfully request that you approve this new funding for expanding Collin County's public health workforce to meet the growing Health Care departmental needs.

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