



## COLLIN COUNTY

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

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

**DATE:** August 30, 2021

**RE:** No-Cost Amendment to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) IDCU/COVID-19 Grant Number: HHS000812700014 Amendment No. 1

Attached for approval is the DSHS no-cost amendment to the IDCU/COVID-19 grant contract.

DSHS has increased the contract award amount by \$570,348.00 and extended the grant term to end on 07/31/2023. The new total budget for the grant award will amount to \$1,026,626.00 for the grant period 08/20/2020 – 07/31/2023. The purpose of the grant is to support the Health Department's COVID-19 disease investigation & surveillance duties. No match is required from the county for this contract.

Once the contract is executed, the Health Department will hire and/or extend current employees that will enhance capacity to investigate and conduct COVID-19 disease surveillance until July 31, 2023.

Local Health Department awards are “one-time” only and activities should not incur future reoccurring costs beyond July 31, 2023.

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) Epidemiologist and (3) Epidemiology Interns. Internships will provide support to the disease surveillance team and assist in executing critical public health functions.

I respectfully request that you approve this new funding that will serve Collin County residents impacted by COVID-19 and other public health threats.

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