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TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Administrator, Health Care Services

DATE: August 30, 2021

RE: Acceptance of FY2021-2023 COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant Award (Contract No. HHS001057600012) through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Attached is the FY 2021-2023 application for DSHS COVID-19 Health Disparities funds for a grant period that will begin upon contract execution through May 31, 2023. Total funds for this grant are \$500,000.00. No match is required from the county for this contract.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded Texas funding to support local health departments' coordination efforts with local stakeholders to identify barriers to accessing existing public health resources by communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The COVID-19 Health Disparities fund is a targeted grant to expand the workforce that enhances the Health Department's capacity to strengthen partnerships with local stakeholders and information sharing to promote health in all communities.

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

This additional funding will enable the Health Department to hire (1) Community Health Specialist, (1) PHEP Planner, and (1) Registered Nurse until 2023.

I respectfully request that you approve this new funding that will promote community health and serve all Collin County residents impacted by COVID-19.

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