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TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Administrator, Health Care Services

DATE: February 28, 2022

RE: Renewal Application for Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS)
FY2023 Hazards/Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Contract
Number: 537-18-0128-00001

Attached is the FY2023 Hazards renewal grant application for one year grant period 7/1/2022-6/30/2023 in the amount of \$562,786 of level funding to support the county's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities. The County match required for this funding is \$56,279 and will be met by using existing staff members' salaries and fringe.

The COVID-19 response has changed the responsibilities for the staff and DSHS' expectations for this grant. To reflect the job duty changes that have occurred, DSHS has agreed and approved that the one PHEP Specialist position should be changed to PHEP Planner in the new grant fiscal year which begins July 1, 2022. This position reclassification will not impact salary or fringe costs and will result in a \$0 change.

PHEP is a valuable source of funding for Collin County. The Hazards grant creates the ability to effectively prepare and respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events. PHEP follows the guidance of the CDC's fifteen public health capabilities, including; Community Preparedness and Recovery, Fatality Management, Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation, Mass Care, and Volunteer Management (MRC). CCHCS plans to use the allocated DSHS Hazards funds towards the current salaries of 7 staff members. Other program costs such as mileage, travel for training, and supplies are included in the budget for review.

I respectfully request approval for this contract renewal application.

CB/ed