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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 State Health Services (DSHS) FY2023 Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) grant Contract Number: 537-18-0141-00001

Attached for approval is the FY 2023 Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) grant application renewal for the one year grant period 7/1/2022-6/30/2023 in the amount of \$133,431 of level funding. The County match required for this funding is \$13,343 and will be met by using existing Collin County staff members' salary and fringe in addition to Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer hours.

The COVID-19 response has changed the responsibilities for the staff on this grant and DSHS' expectations for many sections in our contract. To reflect the job duty changes that have occurred, DSHS has approved that the two PHEP Specialist positions should be changed to PHEP Planners 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.

CRI grant funds are additional Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funds awarded to jurisdictions that fall within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and focus primarily on medical countermeasures dispensing, medical material management and distribution, and supporting capabilities. Since Collin County is part of the Dallas/Fort Worth MSA, we are eligible for the additional CRI grant funds. The grant funds ensure the ability of Collin County to receive and dispense medical countermeasures to the public in the event of a large scale public health emergency by utilizing the CDC's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) assets. CCHCS plans to use the allocated CRI state funds towards the salaries of two Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) staff members (CRI Coordinator & MRC Coordinator). 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