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TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Administrator, Health Care Services

DATE: March 27, 2023

RE: Application for Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY 2023-2027 Public Health Infrastructure Grant Award Amount \$1,625,736.00 – New Funding

Attached is the FY 2023-2027 application for DSHS Public Health Infrastructure Grant funds for a grant period that will begin upon contract execution through November 30, 2027. The total award amount is \$1,625,736.00 to be used within a five-year budget period. Due to the grant application being due 02/01/2023, the application was submitted to DSHS in a timely manner and needs approval.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded the Department of Texas State Health Services funding to support strengthening public health infrastructure, workforce, and systems in the State of Texas.

The Public Health Infrastructure grant is targeted specifically for local health departments to sustain or expand the workforce that increases a jurisdiction's capacity to prevent, prepare, and response to a range of public health threats. This grant is a unique opportunity and will be a valuable source of funding for Collin County's infrastructure. No county match is required.

Upon contract execution, this funding will enable the Health Department to extend the employment of current full-time staff to include (2) Financial Analysts, (2) Functional Analysts, and (1) Health Care Analyst positions until FY2027. In addition, there will be (1) new Health Care Analyst position that existing staff on ending grants would be eligible to apply for to continue employment with Collin County. These positions ensure a capable workforce to support the department's public health assessment & planning, data & information systems, and can respond to various public health needs.

The Health Department plans to begin accruing expenditures only once other existing grants are fully expended in 2024, which will result in \$0.00 expenditures in the Year 1 grant budget. DSHS will review the work plan and budgets to ensure they align with the scope of the allowable CDC projects and allowable expenditures.

I respectfully request that you approve the application for this new funding opportunity.

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