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TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Manager, Health Care Services

DATE: June 12, 2023

RE: Renewal Acceptance—Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY 2024 – FY 2025 Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surveillance and Epidemiology Activities (IDCU/SUR) funds - Contract Number: HHS001315700014

Attached for approval is the DSHS IDCU/SUR FY2024 - FY2025 renewal acceptance for the two year grant period, 9/1/2023-8/31/2025, in the amount of \$342,446. Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS) plans to primarily use DSHS IDCU/SUR funds towards a portion of the Salary and Fringe benefits of two existing Epidemiologists.

This is a routine grant renewal with staff funded by a combination of grant and Collin County funds. Grant funding is primarily used for staff salary and fringe benefits to maximize the utilization of these funds. Collin County funds the remainder of salary and fringe benefits as well as items such as cell phone service plans, internet hotspot service plans, training, travel, office supplies, uniforms, software, equipment replacements as needed, and other items necessary to perform job duties. It is estimated that Training & Travel and Maintenance & Operations items combined cost approximately \$5,000 on average per employee per year on this grant, which have been budgeted in Health Care Services' current department budget. Computer, cell phone, and other electronic item replacements for the positions on this grant have historically been performed by Collin County IT on schedule with the rest of the department and will continue to do so.

The purpose of the IDCU/SUR funds is to support efforts by local health departments in addressing public health issues, specifically the surveillance and epidemiology activities associated with foodborne and waterborne illnesses such as Salmonellosis, E. coli, Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, and Cyclosporiasis. The Epidemiologists are responsible for the investigation, data entry, and electronic reporting to DSHS of foodborne and waterborne illnesses. By maintaining our epidemiology and surveillance capacity, CCHCS is striving to reduce the spread of foodborne and waterborne illnesses in our community.

I respectfully request approval for this contract renewal acceptance.

CB/ed