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TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Administrator, Health Care Services

DATE: April 15, 2024

RE: Renewal Acceptance for Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS)
FY 2025 Hazards/Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Contract
Number: HHS001311200005

Attached is the FY 2025 Hazards renewal grant acceptance for one-year grant period 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 for \$562,786 in the amount of level funding to support the county's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities. The County match required for this funding is \$56,278.60 and will be met by using existing staff members' salaries and fringe.

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 for each partially grant funded staff and \$500 for fully grant funded staff per year on this grant. Of 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.

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

continuation of salaries and fringe costs for 7 current 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 acceptance.

CB/ed