



## COLLIN COUNTY

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**TO:** Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Candy Blair, Public Health Director, Health Care Services

**DATE:** November 11, 2024

**RE:** Application for the NACCHO 2025 MRC Leadership Workshop and Preparedness Summit Travel Award

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is hosting the annual Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Leadership Workshop, a conference for federal, state, and local MRC program coordinators located in San Antonio, Texas on April 28, 2025. This meeting will be held consecutively with the NACCHO Preparedness Summit at the same location held on April 29 – May 2, 2025. NACCHO is providing travel awards to fund expenses associated with both the MRC Leadership Workshop and NACCHO Preparedness Summit conference. Health Care Services plans to have one employee attend who does not have existing grant funding budgeted for travel, Michelle Aldaco.

With this travel award, NACCHO will pay directly for flights, hotel accommodations, and meals at the conference venue. Collin County will provide initial funding for ground transportation, airport parking if applicable, airline baggage fees if applicable, and a per diem for meals that are not directly provided by the conference venue. Funding for these expenses will come from the existing Health Care Services travel budget. Following the conference, documentation for expenses paid by Collin County will be submitted to NACCHO for reimbursement.

The MRC network comprises more than 300,000 volunteers in community-based units located throughout the United States. MRC units utilize local medical and non-medical volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and to support ongoing preparedness initiatives. During July 2023 – June 2024, Collin County MRC volunteers completed 651 hours of service, working on projects that benefited the residents of Collin County and training to prepare for future emergencies. This service was valued at \$19,736.30.

I respectfully request approval to apply for this travel award and request reimbursement from NACCHO for the associated expenses incurred by Collin County.

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