



# COLLIN COUNTY

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**TO:** Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Candy Blair, Public Health Director  
**DATE:** May 12, 2025  
**RE:** Renewal Acceptance for Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY 2026 Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) grant Contract Number: HHS001439300001

Attached is the contract for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) grant. This one-year grant period will run from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, with a total funding amount of \$133,431. After a temporary increase in FY24 and FY25, the funding level will revert to the historical level. Collin County will provide a matching amount of \$13,343, covered by existing staff salaries and volunteer hours from the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

This is a routine grant renewal. CRI grant funds will be used for salaries and fringe benefits for one current staff and other essential program costs. This budget also covers essential items such as cell phone service plans, training, and office supplies. For department-required items that are not allowable expenses on the grant, Health Care Services' existing budget has traditionally supported these minimal expenses and no additional funds are needed. Since this position is permanent, related electronic devices have traditionally been included in the department's IT replacement plan.

The PHEP grant is crucial for preparing for public health threats and aligns with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) public health capabilities. This includes emergency preparedness and response activities with local stakeholders including fire departments, EMS, police departments, cities, schools, universities, private businesses, and faith-based organizations.

I respectfully request approval for this contract renewal acceptance.

CB/tb