



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
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**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025
TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE,
WORKFORCE, DATA MODERNIZATION PROGRAM A2**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider interim funding for the anticipated FY 2025 Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) Infrastructure, Workforce, Data Modernization Program A2 1-NE11OE000043-01-00.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, the American Rescue Plan was enacted by the United States (U.S.) Congress to provide CDC funding to local, state, and territorial health departments to strengthen public health systems, workforce, and data infrastructure. This funding is called the Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) and it invests in the critical needs of health departments across the U.S.

The five (5) year grant helps Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) hire, retain, sustain, and train the public health workforce and strengthen the department's foundational public health capabilities. In addition, this grant assists with data modernization and the expansion, improvement and acceleration of public health services. TCPH, through this grant, works to fill the gaps in public health infrastructure by ensuring that the TCPH workforce and systems can adequately investigate, prevent, and contain adverse health effects from preventable illness and future disease outbreaks for Tarrant County residents.

On December 13, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139951, approved Notice of Award (NOA), 1 NE11OE000043-01-00, in the amount of \$20,162,748.00 for a term of five (5) years from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027. The grant may include supplemental funding in subsequent years continuing to help advance data modernization and expand, accelerate, and improve public health services to better address public health concerns.

On April 16, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142970, approved the NOA, 5 NEI 1OE000043-02-00, for supplemental funding between Tarrant County and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for the Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Modernization program in the amount of \$1,650,167.00.

The Public Health Department receives annual funding from a variety of federal, state, and local resources to provide public health services. Frequently, renewal documents are not finalized by the sponsoring agency prior to the start date of a contract or Interlocal A greement (ILA) period. On these occasions, interim funding is requested to continue the provision of services until the renewal documents can be executed.

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All contract awards are in the process of being finalized by the funding agencies. It is anticipated that the receipt of funds will be within the next sixty (60) days. In order for salaries and fringe to continue until the contract is received and approved by the Commissioners Court, interim funding is requested.

County funds utilized for interim funding will be reimbursed by the grant funds upon approval of the grant contract renewal. If interim funding is required for sixty (60) days, the estimated cost will be \$205,694.00 for nineteen (19) positions.

All contract agreements have a start date of December 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

All associated costs will be reimbursed by F0118-2025 for the amount up to \$205,694.00.