



## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 23-0364 **Version:** 1 **Name:**  
**Type:** Contract - Amendment **Status:** Passed  
**File created:** 1/6/2023 **In control:** Commissioners Court  
**On agenda:** 1/10/2023 **Final action:** 1/10/2023  
**Title:** Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent for approval of a public health or safety exemption from the competitive bid requirements with multiple vendors in the amount of \$2,663,989 for various vaccines for the Refugee Health Screening Program for Public Health Services through September 30, 2023, using grant funds provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Refugee Medical Assistance Program.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. 23-0364 PA-Refugee Health.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
1/10/2023	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** Purchasing

**Department Head/Elected Official:** DeWight Dopslauf

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Supplemental RCA

**Type of Request:** Contract - Amendment

**Project ID (if applicable):** N/A

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Merck & Co., Inc. d/b/a/ Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC;  
GlaxoSmithKline Holdings (Americas) Inc. d/b/a GlaxoSmithKline LLC; Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

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**Background and Discussion:**

The Refugee Health Screening Program is required by the grant to provide various vaccines to incoming refugees which are purchased through the vendors listed above.

**Expected Impact:**

The Refugee Health Screening Program (RHSP) of Harris County Public Health (HCPH) provides vaccines along with various other services to incoming refugees as part of the grant requirement. The HCPH RHSP is the only refugee program in the Houston area providing such services to incoming refugees.

#### Alternative Options:

Due to the amount of health services needed by the refugee population, the limited resources they possess and their immigration status at the time of entry, limited resources exist as alternative options.

#### Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

#### Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
01/25/2022	314	Approved

Location: N/A

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Refugee Health Screening Program		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$4,966,489.68	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$5,637,388.90	\$	\$
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,603,878.58</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$10,603,878.58	\$	\$

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$10,603,878.58	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$10,603,878.58</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:** January 10, 2023

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):**

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Dr. Ericka Brown, MD, MBA, FACHE, Division Director Community Health and Wellness, Public Health Services; Robert Brown, Senior Buyer, Purchasing

**Attachments** (if applicable): Letter