



Legislation Details (With Text)

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Type: Contract - Amendment **Status:** Passed
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Title: Request by Public Health Services for approval of an amendment to a sub-award agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health (UTSPH) for support in the department's COVID-19 response with analysis of testing, case, and vaccination data.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
1/31/2023	1	Commissioners Court		

Department: Public Health Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Amendment

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health

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):

Request by Public Health Services for approval of an amendment to a sub-award agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health (UTSPH) for support in the department's COVID-19 response with analysis of testing, case, and vaccination data.

Background and Discussion:

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) currently has a Data Usage Agreement (DUA) and contract with UTSPH that allows HCPH to send COVID-19 testing and case-related data to UTSPH for analysis to inform our COVID-19 testing operations. This analysis seeks to answer the questions bivalent booster vaccine uptake trends, breakthrough COVID-19 reinfections, and Long COVID. UTSPH has provided HCPH with a deeper understanding of our data than we could do alone. Also, at HCPH's request, UTSPH has provided analysis with a health equity lens, consistent with our cornerstone value of Equity. Their insights will be used for public health education, communication, outreach, and improvement of testing, epidemiological, and vaccination operations.

Expected Impact:

This agreement will allow UTSPH to continue to provide timely analysis for HCPH to make data-driven decisions. It will also benefit HCPH and the Harris County Community when we pivot from response to recovery; UTSPH has the ability to provide deep insights into this pandemic that will help us prepare for the next one.

Alternative Options:

N/A

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
10/26/2021	11	Original sub-award agreement approved
12/13/2022	10	Amended DUA

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Grant	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$

	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: January 31, 2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): January 31, 2023

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Jennifer Kiger, MPH, Director, Office of Epidemiology, Surveillance and Emerging Diseases, Public Health Services

Attachments (if applicable): Internal Signature Page, Embrace HOPE Award Agreement, Subaward Agreement