



Legislation Text

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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: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): 100001000000833

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): U.S. Department Health and Human Services

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): N/A

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by Public Health Services for approval to accept from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services renewal grant funds in the amount of \$192,587, with no required match, for the Strengthening Foodborne Illness Surveillance and Response Capabilities Grant, and to extend two associated positions to September 29, 2022.

Background and Discussion:

The project has completed program year 1 and has begun to understand the barriers into reporting foodborne illness for Harris County residents. A survey completed among 514 county residents will be used to develop and test messages that will encourage and increase reporting foodborne illness.

Expected Impact:

As a currently funded partner of the Environmental Health Specialists Network, grant funds are used to continue efforts toward reducing foodborne illness in Harris County, Texas and the US. Our long-term goal is to reduce foodborne illness and strengthen surveillance and response capabilities in Harris County, Texas and the US. The overall objective, pursuant to our long-term goal, is the use of a systems-based approach to enhance the multiple interconnected areas of our foodborne illness and outbreak program concurrently ensuring that it will maximally benefit from an increase in foodborne illness complaints.

Alternative Options:

The alternative to this request will be that Harris County will not be able to complete the deliverables outlined in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant funding awarded.

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
10/13/2020	18.c.5	Accept Award

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name	Foodborne Illness Prevention and Surveillance		
	FY 21-22	FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$101,000	\$175,920	\$527,760
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$21,000	\$16,667	\$50,001
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$122,000	\$192,587	\$577,761
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Grant	\$192,587	\$192,587	\$577,761
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$192,587	\$192,587	\$577,761
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$192,587	\$192,587	\$576,761
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	2-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	2-	-
Total Personnel	-	2-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: 11/30/2021

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Gwen J. Sims, Deputy Director, Public Health Services

Attachments (if applicable): Notice of award, 3441s (2), PHS signature page, order