



Legislation Text

File #: 23-2981, **Version:** 1

Department: County Judge

Department Head/Elected Official: Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Amendment

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

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 for approval of an amendment to an agreement with TexHealth Central Texas, Inc., to extend the term to August 31, 2027 for funding for the Central Texas Regional Health Coverage Project premium support program for small businesses.

Background and Discussion:

On June 27, 2017, Harris County Commissioners Court entered a letter agreement with TexHealth Central Texas, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, so that TexHealth Central Texas could offer small businesses in Harris County access to health insurance premium support programs. This Amendment extends the agreement to August 31, 2027. TexHealth's program costs Harris County nothing.

Under the original letter agreement and now to be continued with the Amendment, TexHealth is obligated to apply for health insurance subsidies required by the Affordable Care Act and designated by Texas Department of Insurance for Harris County. TexHealth will then use those subsidies to provide health insurance premium support for health insurance plans obtained on the open market. Premium support constituting reimbursement of one-third of the employee premium up to \$110 per month will be offered to small businesses in Harris County with between 2 and 50 employees.

TexHealth has agreed to not discriminate against or promote any one insurance plan over others licensed in the state of Texas, nor will it interfere with any Agent/Employer relationship or Agent of Record status. TexHealth also will make all efforts to promote the TexHealth program in Harris County. TexHealth does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

Harris County will have the right to appoint up to three members to TexHealth's board of directors.

Expected Impact:

The TexHealth premium support program is intended to help small businesses remain competitive with a healthy workforce and will allow them to recruit and retain effective employees. Further, the program is intended to provide access to affordable health care to individuals who are currently utilizing subsidized County partner services, are unable to afford health insurance coverage, or are struggling financially due to the high cost of health insurance.

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): N/A

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
6-27-2017	20.a.2.	Approval of Letter Agreement with TexHealth Central Texas, Inc.

Location:

Address (if applicable): TexHealth Central Texas, Inc., 2800 S IH35, Suite 155, Austin, TX 78705. Tel. 512-524-2618. Website: <https://texhealthct.org/>

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			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$

Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
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: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Anna Brewster, MS, Director, Health and Human Services Policy, Office of the Harris County Judge

Attachments (if applicable):

(1) Amendment to Letter Agreement;

(2) Original Letter Agreement approved by Harris County Commissioners Court on 5-27-2017