

# Harris County, Texas

# **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:** Interlocal Agreement

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): City of La Porte

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MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):

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

#### Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of an interlocal agreement with the City of La Porte to exchange wastewater surveillance data and all related appurtenances for the wastewater based epidemiology (WBE) program.

### **Background and Discussion:**

Wastewater surveillance provides early detection of emerging diseases to improve public health interventions. When combined with other surveillance data including clinical cases, hospital bed utilization, and laboratory testing, wastewater surveillance data can give a broader scope of disease surveillance to public health departments.

#### **Expected Impact:**

Wastewater surveillance has proven to be a reliable method of passive monitoring for the presence of viral or bacterial caseloads of pathogens in the wastewater influent, shed by infected individuals.

# **Alternative Options:**

There are no alternative options.

# Alignment with Goal(s):

- \_ Justice and Safety
- \_ Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- X Public Health
- Transportation
- \_ Flooding
- Environment

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\_ Governance and Customer Service

# Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

#### **Location:**

Address (if applicable): Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summa	ry			
Service Name				
·	Current Fise	cal Year Cost	Annual Fiscal Cost	
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expens
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (Requi	ires Fiscal Re	view Request Form)	•	
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if red	uesting new l	PCNs)	•	•
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: February 27, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): February 27, 2024

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

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Attachments (if applicable): Interlocal Agreement, Signature Page