



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 16, 2023
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 23, 2023

DATE: May 16, 2023
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Acceptance of the Laboratory Response Network (LRN)—Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant Amendment in the amount of \$205,548.00, and appropriation of the funds for the contract period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of the Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant for \$205,548.00 with an in-kind match of \$20,565.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and appropriating \$205,548.00 in the Health Grant Fund to provide Laboratory Response Network (LRN) Level 3 chemical laboratory surge capacity activities for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

SUMMARY:

Funds in the amount of \$205,548.00 are appropriated from the Contract to Health Grants Fund No. 1066 to pay for personnel costs, supplies, and other expenses; fulfilling the mission of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Laboratory Response Program to maintain and support an action plan to respond to bioterrorism and biological threats in the community.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has awarded a grant contract amendment in the amount of \$205,548.00 to maintain the LRN laboratory activities within the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District. The contract is to begin July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for the purchase of supplies, equipment, travel expenses, and personnel salary with fringe benefits to support the preparedness and response activities. This grant covers a 12-county area, responding to, training, and educating hospital and first responder personnel for events relating to bioterrorism, chemical terrorism, and other man-made and natural disasters. This renewable grant has been a part of the LRN for over 5 years with the primary goal of continuing Level 3 chemical laboratory surge capacity activities, complying with LRN requirements for biological laboratories. It enables expedient and appropriate responses to events of public health consequences.

ALTERNATIVES:

Discontinue LRN laboratory response network activities and thereby cause a delay in or prevent expedient and appropriate response to public health threats.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Ordinance, Amendment No. 7 increases the total contract value by \$226,103.00 (reflecting \$205,548.00 in federal funding and \$20,565.00 in match funding) for FY2024. It extends the end of the contract term to June 30, 2024, and revises attachments to the contract.

COMMENTS:

The grant award of \$205,548.00 requires a 10% (\$20,565.00) in-kind match.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1066 Health Grants paid by the Department of State Health Services
Organization/Activity: 831526F
Department: 044
Project # **(CIP Only)**:
Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Contract No. HHS001311400005 Amendment No. 07
Ordinance