



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 14, 2024  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 21, 2024

**DATE:** May 14, 2024  
**TO:** Peter Zanoni, City Manager  
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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, 2024, through June 30, 2025

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of the Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant for \$205,548.00 with a cash or in-kind match of \$20,555.00 from the 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 from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and authorizing two grant positions.

### **SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this grant is to help perform activities in support of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response activities including but not limited to: continuing Level 3 chemical laboratory surge capacity activities, complying with new LRN requirements for biological laboratories, coordinating with public health preparedness partners, and analyzing real-time clinical specimens. CDC's five-year PHEP – Hospital Preparedness Program (“HPP”) Cooperative Agreement seeks to align PHEP and HPP programs, advance public health and healthcare preparedness, and ensure jurisdictions are capable of providing a standard battery of tests for high-priority biological threats and emerging infectious diseases. 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; to provide a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Laboratory Response Program to maintain and support an action plan to respond to an act of 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 beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30,

2025, for the purchase of supplies, equipment, travel expenses, and personnel salary with fringe benefits to support the preparedness and response activities enabling expedient and appropriate response to events of public health consequences.

Personnel to be funded:

- Microbiologist II
- Microbiologist I

Grant history:

- Grant has been recurring for 5+ years, provided by DSHS, pending approval of Council.

Funding Source:

- Texas Department of State Health Services

Budget: \$226,103.00

- \$196,242.00 for Salary & Fringe
- \$7,412.00 for Travel
- \$1,341.00 for Supplies
- \$553.00 for Other
- \$20,555.00 for Match Funding

**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. 8 increases the total contract value by \$226,103.00 (reflecting \$205,548.00 in federal funding and \$20,555.00 in match funding) for FY2025. Extends the end of the contract term to June 30, 2025, and revises attachments to the contract.

**Comments:**

No fiscal impact to general fund. The grant award of \$205,548.00 requires a 10% (\$20,555) in-kind match.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1066 Health Grants paid by the Department of State Health Services  
Organization/Activity: 831529F  
Dept: 115 Disease Prevention  
Project # (CIP Only):  
Account:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Contract No. HHS001439000008 Amendment No. 08  
Presentation