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## **Ordinance**

Ordinance appropriating \$1,322,471.00 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit - COVID (IDCU-COVID) Grant Program from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide COVID-19 epidemiologic and surveillance response activities and laboratory response network activities for the period September 1, 2022, through July 31, 2026.

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# Background and Summary

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## **IDCU-COVID Amendment No. 5:**

- The Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) has awarded additional funding in the amount of \$1,322,471.00 to provide epidemiologic and surveillance response activities, laboratory response network activities, and enhanced laboratory outbreak response activities in the IDCU-COVID grant.
- Statement of Work has been revised where COVID-19 is referenced, to now include other respiratory pathogens and syndromes.
- Any actions taken by the CCNCPHD will adhere to the most current federal and state guidelines, which include following Rider 40 guidance.
- Contract period September 1, 2022, through July 31, 2026.

# Background and Summary

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## **IDCU-COVID Amendment No. 5 Continued:**

The grant will allow the CCNCPHD to:

- Enhance Laboratory, Surveillance, Informatics and other Workforce Capacity
- Strengthen Laboratory Testing
- Advance Electronic Data Exchange at Public Health Labs
- Improve Surveillance and Reporting of Electronic Health Data; and
- Use Laboratory Data to Enhance Investigation, Response and Prevention

The grant does not support:

- Marketing funds for COVID-19 vaccines
- Funding to purchase COVID-19 vaccines
- Funding to purchase COVID-19 Vaccine supplies

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# Fiscal Impact and Staff Recommendation

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## **Fiscal impact**

Amendment No. 5 increases contract by \$1,322,471.00 for outbreak response activities.

- This grant currently provides funding for 3 FTE positions.
  - Epidemiologists (3)

Total Contract value is \$3,497,097.64

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval of the two-reading ordinance.

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