



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of July 25, 2023  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of August 8, 2023

**DATE:** July 25, 2023  
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**Acceptance of the Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant  
in the amount of \$204,856.00, and appropriation of the funds for the  
contract period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of the Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant for \$204,856.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); appropriating \$204,856.00 of grant funds to conduct surveillance and epidemiology activities for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025; and authorizing one grant position.

### **SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this Grant Agreement is to conduct surveillance and epidemiology activities for all notifiable conditions with an emphasis on certain conditions reported through the Texas National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS).

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The purpose of this grant is to ensure all surveillance and epidemiology activities are being conducted under the DSHS Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Unit (EAIDU). These activities are to be conducted through the epidemiologist(s) as specified in the approved budget. This includes but is not limited to, monitoring/reporting infectious disease outbreaks, attending any training as directed by the EAIDU, and cooperating with the DSHS during technical reviews and quality assurance visits.

Personnel to be funded:

- Epidemiologist
- Position is currently filled

History of the grant:

- This grant is recurring and provided by DSHS pending approval of Council.

Funding Source:

- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Budget: \$204,856.00

- Length of Grant: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2025
- \$194,958 for Salary & Fringe
- \$2,800.00 for Other
- \$3,748.00 for Supplies
- \$3,350.00 for Travel

Counties impacted by the grant:

- Nueces

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Refusing the grant will result in less staffing for surveillance and epidemiology activities for all notifiable conditions.

**FISCAL IMPACT: (Narrative no graphs)**

There is no fiscal impact. The grant requires no match. All positions are 100% grant funded.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1066 Health Grants paid by Department of State Health Services  
Organization/Activity: 830977S  
Mission Element: 15 Health Grants  
Project # **(CIP Only)**:  
Account:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Contract No. HHS001315700015  
Ordinance