



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 17, 2025
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 24, 2025

DATE: June 10, 2025
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Acceptance of the City of Corpus Christi Laboratory Response Network Public Health Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 and appropriation of the funds from upon contract execution through November 30, 2027

CAPTION:

Ordinance accepting Public Health Infrastructure Grant for \$250,000.00 from the Department of State Health Services to enhance and expand Laboratory Information Management System infrastructure through November 30, 2027; and appropriating \$250,000.00 into the Health Grant Fund.

SUMMARY:

The Public Health Infrastructure Grant aims to strategically enhance and expand Laboratory Information Management System infrastructure, improve jurisdictional visibility of laboratory data, and enable faster, more comprehensive data exchange and reporting to and from the Department of State Health Services via the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The system will enhance data flow efficiency between the public health laboratory and its partners, improving accuracy and reliability by automating the process of reporting. This will facilitate informed decision-making, quicken result reporting, ensure regulatory compliance, and foster an innovative research environment. Enhancing LIMS capabilities will increase the flexibility and scalability of lab services, enabling the development of a more comprehensive and adaptable test menu to meet the evolving needs of the community.

The City Manager, or designee, may reject or terminate this grant. Furthermore, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute contract amendments pertaining to these grant funds in the following instances: a) for the carry-over of funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) a no-cost extension; c) when an amendment will provide supplemental grant funds in an amount not to exceed 20% of the original grant amount; d) for reimbursement increases of administration funds for each participant served; e) to comply with applicable State or federal laws and regulations; and f) for matters which do not change the essential purpose of the grant.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The purpose of this contract is to make strategic investments to enhance and expand Laboratory Information Management System infrastructure, improve jurisdictional visibility of laboratory data, and enable faster, more comprehensive data exchange and reporting to and from the Department of State

Health Services via the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This grant will start upon contract execution and go through November 30, 2027. All funding will be provided by DSHS with a total budget amount of 250,000.00, with the following allocations:

- \$35,300.00 for Supplies (Computer hardware & office supplies)
- \$214,700.00 for Contractual (Annual LIMS support, HL7 interface builds, configurations)

These funds will be utilized to establish interfaces across departments within the Public Health District supporting the reporting of notifiable conditions as required by several Texas state laws (Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87) which require specific information regarding notifiable conditions be provided to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Health care providers, and laboratories are required to report notifiable conditions. (Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code)

3-Year Budget Breakdown:

Budget Categories	DSHS Funding Year 1 (Execution thru 11/30/2025)	DSHS Funding Year 2 (12/1/2025 thru 11/30/2026)	DSHS Funding Year 3 (12/1/2026 thru 11/30/2027)	Summary
Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$19,333.00	\$3,533.00	\$12,434.00	\$35,300.00
Contractual	\$41,000.00	\$84,200.00	\$89,500.00	\$214,700.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Direct Costs	\$60,333.00	\$87,733.00	\$101,934.00	\$250,000.00
Indirect Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Sum of Direct and Indirect Costs	\$60,333.00	\$87,733.00	\$101,934.00	\$250,000.00

Listed below are the preliminary contractual provisions of funding pending Council approval:

- Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) Annual Support
- LIMS Interfaces to Analyzers and Disease Surveillance Databases
- LIMS Configuration of database reports for epidemiological and statistical analysis

This grant will support efficient and accurate data exchange, allowing the Corpus Christ-Nueces County Public Health District to effectively perform infectious disease surveillance and control.

ALTERNATIVES:

Refuse the execution of the grant contract and lose additional funding to be utilized for strengthening the public health laboratory data surveillance and exchange infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact. The grant requires no match.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1066 Health Grants
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & Capital Projects/ TBD
Department: 15 Health Dept
Account: various
Total Amount: \$250,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Contract No. HHS001593800001
Ordinance
Presentation
Certificate of Funds