

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: 6229 – January 4, 2022

Recommendation:

Approve contract number CTR057557 COVID-19 Expansion Project between the AZ Dept. of Health Services and Cochise Health and Social Services in the amount of \$1,900,000.00 for the period of 3/1/2021 – 5/1/2023.

Background (Brief):

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed multiple gaps in the ability for Cochise County to respond to a prolonged and ever-changing public health emergency. These gaps are due in part to the limited number of personnel that work for Cochise Health and Social Services, technological and equipment shortfalls, geographic location, as well as the ruralness of our population.

We will utilize this funding to develop a mobile community health capacity to take services out into the community. The model and planning used to build this capacity should be maintained after COVID-19 to ensure an enhanced response to all future health threats.

We will hire a Finance/Accountant Director specifically to help with the management of the multiple COVID-19 funding streams. This will be either a grant funded position or a specialty contractor.

We will utilize the funds to implement a system for effectively alerting and pushing out information to the community at large and identified groups through enhancements to the AlertSense system.

We will conduct a community-wide assessment to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on our community members ability to access healthcare, access factual information and to gather feedback on community member viewpoints on public health interventions.

This funding will also be used to support access to free testing by extending out agreement with Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc. And to extend our contract with Rapid Trace for case investigations and contact tracing to improve mitigation of COVID-19.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): NU50CK000511
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number: CFDA 93.323

Salaries/Wages	\$ 171,429.00
EREs	\$ 68,571.00
In-State Travel	\$ 15,000.00
Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Professional & Outside Services	\$1,503,000.00
Other (Community Assessment, Event Facility & Mass Notification System & Setup for three (3) years)	\$ 137,000.00

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up: Your approvals are respectfully requested.

Impact of Not Approving:

Gaps identified in CHSS’s ability to effectively respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic and other Public Health Emergencies will be adversely affected.