

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: 6230 – Scheduled for 1/4/2022 BOS Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve Amendment # 1 to Contract number CTR055207 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program between the AZ Dept. of Health Services and Cochise Health and Social Services in the amount of \$669,376.00 for the period of 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2023.

Background (Brief):

The goal of this project will be utilizing grant funds to establish, expand, train, and sustain the public health workforce to support COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives. CDC Workforce Development Crisis Emergency funds are expected to strengthen and enhance jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives, including public health workforce development needs. CHSS will achieve this goal through the following approved strategies: 1) Augment the public health workforce pipeline to improve the ability to sustain COVID-19 recovery initiatives and prepare for future responses, 2) Develop or enhance training programs for new and/or existing public health staff supporting COVID-19 preparedness, response, and recovery efforts, and 3) Retain existing public health staff through various initiatives to ensure continued COVID-19 preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. Specifically, these strategies will be achieved as follows:

- 1) Provide emergency response and all hazards planning training,
- 2) Train on critical incident stress management and/or psychological first aid for staff,
- 3) Fund continuing education requirements and certifications for staff,
- 4) Fund certifications such as CHEP, CDEP, and AEM/CEM certification,
- 5) Support wellness and self-care activities, and
- 6) Conduct an analyze of the workforce and organization.

These Strategies support Public Health Accreditation Board Measures 8.2.2, 8.2.3 & 8.2.4

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

Federal Award Identification (Grant Number): NU90TP22172-01-00

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:

- Send signed approved IGA back to ADHS
- Receive notification that IGA has been fully executed and ready for approval in ADHS Portal
- Budget Amendment (BA) prepared by Program Manager/Coordinator
- Once Purchase Order is released from ADHS, send --> BA, Fully Executed Contract, minutes of BOS meeting where IGA/Contract was approved, P.O. and Fillable Grant Form to County Finance for entry into New World System
- IGA & BA are processed by County Finance

Your approvals are respectfully requested.

Impact of Not Approving:

CHSS workforce would continue to struggle to ensure Cochise County is prepared to respond to Public Health Emergencies