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Eduardo Olivarez  
Hidalgo CO Health Dept  
1304 South 25th Ave.  
Edinburg, TX 78539

Dear Hidalgo CO Health Dept:

This letter is to notify you of your state fiscal year 2012 (FY12) award for the **Regional and Local Services System/Local Public Health Services (RLSS/LPHS) contract** in the amount of \$102,403.44.

Funding reductions to public health are taking place at both the federal and state levels in FY12. Your FY12 award amount reflects a reduction of 19% from your FY11 RLSS/LPHS contract amount. The federal Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) has historically provided approximately 23% of the funds that are included in the RLSS/LPHS contracts.

During FY11 the PHHSBG funding to Texas was reduced by approximately 23% but the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) was able to maintain the RLSS/LPHS contract amounts level for the balance of FY11. However, we have reason to believe that further reductions, and possible elimination, of the PHHSBG is likely in FY12. We have noted previously that the PHHSBG is not funded in the President's federal fiscal year 2012 (FFY12) budget and we have yet to receive any information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the level of PHHSBG funding to expect in FFY 2012. Therefore, DSHS Regional and Local Health Services had to plan FY12 budgets under the assumption that the PHHSBG will potentially be zero-funded in FFY12. As always, funding awards for the FY12 RLSS/LPHS contracts are based on expected state appropriations and federal funding levels and are contingent on continued availability of funding.

The renewal forms and instructions will be emailed to you. Also, for your convenience, the renewal forms are also posted on the DSHS Regional and Local Health Services website at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/rls/localservices>.

Please submit the *FY12 LPHS Renewal Documents* via email to [LocalPHTeam@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:LocalPHTeam@dshs.state.tx.us) by **Friday, August 12, 2011, by 5:00 p.m.**, faxing the signature page to 512-776-7154.

The renewal documents include:

- *Form A Face Page*
- *Contact Information*
- *Categorical Budget Forms*
- *Project Service Delivery Plan reflecting the Public Health Issue(s) needing to be addressed; Essential Public Health Service(s) to be provided; Measurable Objective(s); and, Performance measure(s), activities, evaluation/improvement plan, and deliverables. Note: A Service Delivery Plan must be completed for each public health issue or public health program addressed by LPHS funded staff.*

General Provisions for FY 2012 are available on the DSHS Client Services Contracting Unit website at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/grants/gen-prov.shtm>. Should you need assistance in completing the renewal packet, please contact Elma Medina at (512)776-2181 or Amy Pearson at (512) 776-2028.

Sincerely,

James Morgan, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Commissioner  
Division for Regional and Local Health Services

Enclosures