

## AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Commissioners Court – June 09, 2020

AI Number: 75871

Project Number: 2020-212

**Information:** [Requesting approval to purchase sanitation supplies for Hidalgo County Health Department *in order to assist with County functions related to medical and public health measures.*]

**Description of AI:** (A) Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost of purchase); (B) Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024(a)(1)&(2); (C) Requesting approval to purchase

**Funding Source:** CARES Act Relief Fund (TBD)      **Acct. #** 0-1287-441-42-115-096-0-XXX

**Requested by:** Eduardo “Eddie” Olivarez, Health Director      **Department:** Health Department

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### BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2020, pursuant to the authority under Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to the imminent threat arising from the Coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 22, 2020, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster.

Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department (HCHHSD) is in need of sanitation supplies in order to provide additional countermeasures to strengthen our preparedness and response to the spread of COVID-19. The goal is to provide the necessary sanitation supplies to help with the re-opening of the court house and other county offices.

### COMPLIANCE

Under the Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-8: National Preparedness, “it is aimed at strengthening the security and resilience of the United States through systematic preparation for the threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the nation, including acts of terrorism, cyber-attacks, pandemics, and catastrophic natural disasters,” and in compliance with the Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention,

Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capability 9 (Medical Materiel Management and Distribution), and pursuant to the Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster, we request the courts approval of sanitation supplies to continue the further needed response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262,024(a)(1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if it is necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.

## ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the item is consistent with Hidalgo County's intended purpose to create critical countermeasures to strengthen our preparedness and response to the spread of COVID-19. The goal is to provide the necessary sanitation supplies to help with the re-opening of the court house and other county offices.

## AGENDA ITEM CAPTION

- A. Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation, for the [**Hidalgo County Health Department Sanitation Supplies Purchase**], in order to assist with County Public Health expenses addressing the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing, herein finds that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary for the intended use.;
- B. Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262,024(a)(1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if it is necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.
- C. Requesting approval to purchase the needed Sanitation Supplies attached herein, not to exceed the amount of \$301,378.00.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of the item will allow the Hidalgo County Health Department to prepare for the re-opening of the court house and other county offices by providing the necessary supplies. Recommending that Commissioners Court authorize the purchase for said Sanitation Supplies as stated as it is a reasonable and necessary expenditure related to the County's COVID-19 Public Health Response. Expenditures will be charged to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic

Security (CARES) Relief Grant Fund and/or other grant assistance available to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Attachments:

- 213 Form
- Agenda Item Briefing
- Quote