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## AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Commissioners Court – October 13, 2020

AI Number: 77753

Project Number: 2020-188

**Information:** [Requesting approval to purchase 4 Generators, Transfer Switches and any accessories along with the installation services for Hidalgo County Health Department in 4 different locations *[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) in response to the COVID pandemic public health emergency and in accordance to the National Preparedness Goal under the Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD- 8) which directs us to aim in the establishment of ' secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk," and in order to comply with the directive of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD- 5)

### 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 for the purchase of Four (4) Generators, Transfer Switches and the installation services to continue the further needed response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

These generators will provide additional backup power if needed under any unexpected power outages or natural, man-made interruptions and/or disasters. Having this backup power will allow HCHD to efficiently storage of important vaccines and specimens at different Hidalgo County locations to keep addressing the COVID-19 public health emergency.

## **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 purchase of Four (4) Generators, Transfer Switches and any accessories along with the installation services to support the vaccine storage at County Clinics locations that will be housing the COVID-19 vaccine, 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 Four (4) Generators, Transfer Switches and any accessories from Holt Power Systems through Sourcewell awarded contract #120617-CAT [Exp. 01/29/2022];
- D. Requesting approval of quotes provided by Herrcon, LLC Job Order Contractor awarded under Buyboard awarded contract 581-19 [Exp. 03/30/2024] for the installation of Four (4) Generators, Transfer Switches and any accessories for the HCHD Clinics in [Mission, McAllen, Edinburg & Weslaco].

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approval of the items will allow the Hidalgo County Health Department to efficiently store at different Hidalgo County locations. The generators will safeguard the storage locations by providing backup power in the event of a power outage that may be caused my natural or man-made interruptions and disasters. This capacity will also serve to store COVID19 testing specimens in the event of needing to add remote testing sites. Recommending that Commissioners Court authorize the purchase for the generators, transfer switches, accessories and installation services. 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:

- 1295 Form
- Tex. Loc. Gov. Code
- Agenda Item Briefing