

COUNTY of HIDALGO



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July 09, 2024

The Honorable Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge
The Honorable David Fuentes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
The Honorable Eduardo Cantu, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
The Honorable Everardo Villarreal, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
The Honorable Ellie Torres, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

RE: Certification of Revenue

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

Pursuant to Local Government Code § 111.07076 SPECIAL BUDGET FOR GRANT OR AID MONEY:

The county auditor shall certify to the commissioners' court the receipt of all public or private grant or aid money that is available for disbursement in a fiscal year but not included in the budget for that fiscal year. On certification, the court shall adopt a special budget for the limited purpose of spending the grant or aid money for its intended purpose.

I, Letty Chavez, County Auditor of Hidalgo County, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of an award from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Office of Border Public Health. These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT	PURPOSE
\$ 336,363.00	Award No. HHS000812700025 Amend. No. 4 IDCU/ELC-COVID

CERTIFIED BY:



Letty Chavez
Hidalgo County Auditor

7/9/2024

Date

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

LUIS M. SINGLETERRY JUDGE, 92 ND D.C.	FERNANDO MANCIAS JUDGE, 93 RD D.C.	J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES JUDGE, 139 TH D.C.	ROSE GUERRA REYNA JUDGE, 206 TH D.C.	MARLA CUELLAR JUDGE, 275 TH D.C.	MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE, 332 ND D.C.	NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 370 TH D.C. OVERSEER	LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 389 TH D.C.	L. KENO VASQUEZ JUDGE, 398 TH D.C.	ISRAEL RAMON, JR. JUDGE, 430 TH D.C.	RENEE R. BETANCOURT JUDGE, 449 TH D.C.	JOSE "JOE" RAMIREZ JUDGE, 464 TH D.C.	YSMAEL FONSECA JUDGE, 476 TH D.C.
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AI-95531

Health & Human Services Dept. 20. C.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 07/09/2024 ✓

Submitted For: Eddie Olivarez, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT.

Submitted By: Carlos Oliva

Department: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT.

CAPTION

1. Requesting approval to accept and for County Judge to e-sign the ELC-COVID Grant Contract ✓ HHS000812700025, Amendment No. 4. The purpose of the amendment is to increase the contract amount by \$336,363.00 and to revise the Statement of Work.
2. Requesting approval of the Certification of Revenue by the County Auditor in the amount of \$336,363.00 and appropriation of the same.

BACKGROUND

- 07/28/2020 - AI-76533 - Acceptance of the original ELC-COVID grant.
- 08/24/2021 - AI-82052 - Acceptance of Amendment No. 1
- 04/19/2022 - AI-85383 - Acceptance of Amendment No. 2
- 01/09/2024 - AI-93814 - Acceptance of Amendment No. 3
- 12/12/2023 - AI-93494 - Request to submit budget revision for additional funds

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2024

ACCT. #: 4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-XXX

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

This amendment will increase the grant budget by \$336,363.00 ✓
 Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$336,363.00 pending COR by Co. Auditor. No county cash match is required.

Attachments

Contract Amendment
 Budget Appropriation

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Budget & Management	Veronica Ortiz	06/17/2024 01:46 PM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Carlos Oliva		Started On: 05/31/2024 01:33 PM

REVIEWED
 By Minerva Diaz at 4:04 pm, Jul 05, 2024



Monica Valdez <monica.avaldez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Request for Certification of Revenue (\$336,363) - Program 77 Additional Funding

1 message

Carlos Oliva <carlos.oliva@hchd.org>

Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 9:51 AM

To: Monica Valdez <monica.avaldez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Cc: Miguel Escaname <miguel.escaname@hchd.org>

Good morning Monica,

Would you please help me with a certification or revenue in the amount of \$336,363.

AI-95531 was created and it will go to court on July 9th.


If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,

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Carlos Oliva**Accountant III****Hidalgo County Health Department****1304 S. 25th Avenue****Edinburg, Texas 78542****Phone: (956) 292-7000 Ext. 7241**carlos.oliva@hchd.org

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 **Appropriation - ELC- COVID.xlsx**

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DATE: July 9, 2024

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Eduardo Olivarez

DEPARTMENT NAME: Health & Human Services

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-XXX

Contact Person: Carlos Oliva Ph#: (956) 383-6221

2024 Appropriation AI-95531



SUBJECT: Budget Amendments (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County:

I would like to request the following Budget Amendments (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

INCREASE ACCOUNT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME	AMOUNT
4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-113	ELC-COVID-REG F/T EMPLOYEES	223,752.00
4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-211	ELC-COVID-HEALTH INSURANCE	48,530.00
4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-212	ELC-COVID-LIFE INSURANCE	225.00
4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-220	ELC-COVID-FICA	17,117.00
4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-230	ELC-COVID-RETIREMENT	29,021.00
4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-250	ELC-COVID-UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	1,343.00
4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-583	ELC-COVID-TRAVEL OUT OF COUNTY	1,568.00
4-1293-441-00-340-077-3-610	ELC-COVID-GENERAL SUPPLIES	14,807.00
	+ 223,752.00	
	+ 48,530.00	
	+ 225.00	
	+ 17,117.00	
	+ 29,021.00	
	+ 1,343.00	
	+ 1,568.00	
	+ 14,807.00	
4-1293-331-12-340-077-3-000	ELC-COVID-REVENUES	336,363.00
	+ 336,363.00	
TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE (DECREASE)		336,363.00

REVIEWED By Minerva Diaz at 4:04 pm, Jul 05, 2024

REASON: Appropriation of additional funds for ELC-COVID program

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED COMMISSIONERS' COURT

DATE

ATTEST COUNTY CLERK



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Texas Department of State Health Services

Jennifer A. Shuford, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner

The Honorable Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge
Hidalgo County
1304 S. 25th
Edinburg, Texas 78542-7205

Subject: Contract Number: HHS000812700025, Amendment No. 4
Contract Amount: \$1,143,634.00
Contract Term: 8/1/2020 – 7/31/2026

Dear Judge Cortez:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 4 to the outbreak response contract between the Department of State Health Services and Hidalgo County.

The purpose of this contract is to provide funding for epidemiology, surveillance, and enhanced laboratory outbreak response activities.

This amendment increases the contract by \$336,363.00[✓] for outbreak response activities and revises the Statement of Work.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Caeli Paradise, CTCM
Contract Manager
Phone: 512-776-3767
Email: Caeli.Paradise@dshs.texas.gov

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACT NO. HHS000812700025
AMENDMENT NO. 4**

The **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** (“**SYSTEM AGENCY**” or “**DSHS**”) and **HIDALGO COUNTY** (“**GRANTEE**”), each a “Party” and collectively referred to as the “Parties” to that certain grant contract for SARS-CoV-2 epidemiology, surveillance, and enhanced laboratory activities effective August 1, 2020, and denominated DSHS Contract No. HHS000812700025 (“Contract”), as amended, now desire to further amend the Contract.

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to revise the Statement of Work; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to revise the Budget to add additional funding for SARS-CoV-2 outbreak response activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties amend and modify the Contract as follows:

1. **SECTION IV, BUDGET**, of the Contract is hereby amended to add **\$336,363.00** to the Contract for the period beginning with the effective date of this Amendment No. 4 and ending July 31, 2026, for SARS-CoV-2 outbreak response activities. The total amount of this Contract will not exceed **\$1,143,634.00**.
2. **ATTACHMENT A-1, REVISED STATEMENT OF WORK**, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with **ATTACHMENT A-4, REVISED STATEMENT OF WORK**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated as part of the Contract for all purposes.
3. **ATTACHMENT A-3, REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WORK**, is deleted in its entirety.
4. **ATTACHMENT B-3, REVISED BUDGET**, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with **ATTACHMENT B-4, REVISED BUDGET**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated as part of the Contract for all purposes.

All expenditures under the Contract will be in accordance with **ATTACHMENT B-4, REVISED BUDGET**.

5. **ATTACHMENT A-4, REVISED STATEMENT OF WORK** is attached to this Amendment No. 4 and incorporated as part of the Contract for all purposes.
6. **ATTACHMENT B-4, REVISED BUDGET**, is attached to this Amendment No. 4 and incorporated as part of the Contract for all purposes.
7. This Amendment No. 4 shall be effective as of the date last signed below.
8. Except as amended and modified by this Amendment No. 4, all terms and conditions of the Contract, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

9. Any further revisions to the Contract shall be by written agreement of the Parties.
10. Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Amendment on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Amendment.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR AMENDMENT NO. 4
DSHS CONTRACT NO. HHS000812700025**

SYSTEM AGENCY

GRANTEE

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

ATTACHMENT A-4 REVISED STATEMENT OF WORK

I. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Grantee will perform activities as submitted in their DSHS approved budgets for this specific funding Contract period. COVID-funded laboratory, surveillance, epidemiology, and informatics personnel may work on other respiratory pathogens and syndromes more broadly, in addition to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, as long as COVID-19 testing or surveillance is included in the effort. In this Statement of Work where COVID-19 is referenced, it will now include other respiratory pathogens and syndromes. All activities must be listed below to be approved for this funding and any additional activities not listed in the approved budget must be submitted for DSHS consideration and approval. The activities for this Contract funding period are as follows:

A. Enhance Laboratory, Surveillance, Informatics and other Workforce Capacity, including:

1. Train and hire staff to improve laboratory workforce ability to address issues around laboratory safety, quality management, inventory management, specimen management, diagnostic and surveillance testing and reporting results.
2. Build expertise for healthcare and community outbreak response and infection prevention and control (IPC) among local health departments.
3. Train and hire staff to improve the capacities of the epidemiology and informatics workforce to effectively conduct surveillance and response of COVID-19 and other emerging infections and conditions of public health significance. This should include staff who can address unique cultural needs of those at higher risk for COVID-19. Grantee may not incur COVID-19 contact tracing or contact tracing call center expenditures after 8/31/2021.
4. Build expertise to support management of the COVID-19-related activities within the jurisdiction and integrate into the broader Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) portfolio of activities (e.g., additional leadership, program and project managers, budget staff, etc.).
5. Increase capacity for timely data management, analysis, and reporting for COVID-19 and other emerging coronavirus and other infections and conditions of public health significance.

B. Strengthen Laboratory Testing

1. Establish or expand capacity to test for SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 quickly, accurately and safely and build infectious disease preparedness for future novel

coronavirus and other events involving other pathogens with potential for broad community spread.

- a. Develop systems to improve speed and efficiency of specimen submission to clinical and reference laboratories.
 - b. Strengthen ability to rapidly respond to testing (e.g., nucleic acid amplification test [NAAT], antigen, etc.) as necessary to ensure that optimal utilization of existing and new testing platforms can be supported to help meet increases in testing demand in a timely manner. Laboratory Response Networks (LRNs) and Local Health Departments (LHDs) with laboratories are strongly encouraged to diversify their testing platforms to enable them to pivot depending on reagent and supply availabilities.
 - c. Perform serology testing with an FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) authorized serological assay as appropriate to respond to emerging pandemics in order to conduct surveillance for past infection and monitor community exposure.
 - d. Build local capacity for testing of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 including within high-risk settings or in vulnerable populations that reside in their communities.
 - e. Apply laboratory safety methods to ensure worker safety when managing and testing samples that may contain SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19.
 - f. Laboratories and LRNs are encouraged to implement new technologies to meet local needs.
 - g. Augment or add specificity to existing laboratory response plans for future coronavirus and other outbreak responses caused by an infectious disease. Provider must be able to establish a plan to maintain the activity when the funds are no longer available. This is an optional activity.
2. Enhance laboratory testing capacity for SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 by ensuring public/private laboratory testing providers have access to biosafety resources for SARS-CoV-2 specimen collection and/or testing.

C. Advance Electronic Data Exchange at Public Health Labs

1. Enhance and expand laboratory information infrastructure, to improve jurisdictional visibility on laboratory data (tests performed) from all testing sites and enable faster and more complete data exchange and reporting with DSHS.
 - a. Employ a well-functioning Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to support efficient data flows within the Public Health Laboratory (PHL) and its partners. This includes expanding existing capacity of the current LIMS to improve data exchange and increase data flows through LIMS maintenance, new configurations/modules, and enhancements. Implement new/replacement LIMS where needed.

Note: If implementing new or replacement systems, develop an implementation plan, including appropriate milestones and timeline to completion. Implementation plans will be reviewed and approved for consistency with the activities set forth by DSHS prior to start of implementation. Completion of the implementation plan is DSHS verifying that the submitted electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) feeds

have been successfully processed in National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS).

- b. Ensure ability to administer LIMS. Ensure the ability to configure all tests that are in LIMS, including new tests, EUAs, etc., in a timely manner. Ensure expanding needs for administration and management of LIMS are covered through dedicated staff.
- c. Interface diagnostic equipment to directly report laboratory results into LIMS.

D. Improve Surveillance and Reporting of Electronic Health Data

1. Establish complete, up-to-date, timely reporting to DSHS of outbreaks and unusual expression of disease (e.g., multi-system inflammatory syndrome, acute flaccid myelitis, etc.) due to COVID-19 and other emerging infections which impact conditions of public health significance by:
 - a. Establishing or enhancing community-based surveillance, including surveillance of vulnerable populations, individuals without severe illness, those with recent travel to high-risk locations, or who are contacts to known cases; and
 - b. Monitoring changes to activity trends (weekly, possibly daily) of COVID-19 and other conditions of public health significance at the county or Zip code level to inform community mitigation strategies.
2. Establish additional and ongoing surveillance methods (e.g., sentinel surveillance) for COVID-19 and other conditions of public health significance.
3. At the health department, enhance capacity to work with testing facilities to onboard and improve ELR, including to receive data from new or non-traditional testing settings. Use alternative data flows (e.g., reporting portals) and file formats (e.g., CSV or XLS) to help automate where appropriate.
4. Improve understanding of capacity, resources, and patient impact at healthcare facilities through electronic reporting.
 - a. Expand reporting facility capacity, resources, and patient impact information, such as patients admitted and hospitalized, in an electronic, machine-readable, as well as human-readable, visual and tabular manner, to achieve 100% coverage in jurisdiction and include daily data from all acute care, long-term care, and ambulatory care settings. Use this data to monitor facilities with confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 infection or with COVID-like illness among staff or residents and facilities at high risk of acquiring SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 cases and COVID-like illness among staff or residents.
 - b. Increase Admit, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) messaging and use to achieve comprehensive surveillance of emergency room visits, hospital admissions, facility and department transfers, and discharges to provide an early warning signal, to monitor the impact on hospitals, and to understand the growth of serious cases requiring admission.

- c. Track and send Emergency Department and outpatient visits for coronavirus (COVID)-like illness, as well as other illnesses, to Texas Syndromic Surveillance System (TxS2).
5. Establish or improve systems to ensure complete, accurate and timely data transmission that allows for automated transmission of data to DSHS in a machine-readable format.

Note: Use of an existing DSHS system is preferred. If implementing new or replacement systems, develop an implementation plan, including the process for automatic transmission of data to DSHS in a machine-readable format, appropriate milestones and timeline to completion. Implementation plans will be reviewed and approved for consistency with the activities set forth by DSHS prior to start of implementation.

- a. In the event of a COVID-19-associated outbreak, a local health department should notify DSHS of the outbreak as soon as possible, by calling 512-776-7676 or emailing EAIDU-Coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov.
- b. In the event of a COVID-19-associated outbreak, a DSHS Respiratory Outbreak Form along with a line listing of cases, if possible, should be completed and submitted to EAIDU within seven days of outbreak resolution via EAIDU-Coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov or by fax at 512-776-7616.
- c. Establish these systems in such a manner that they may be used on an ongoing basis for surveillance of, and reporting on, routine and other threats to the public health and conditions of public health significance.

E. Use Laboratory Data to Enhance Investigation, Response and Prevention

- 1. Use laboratory data to initiate and conduct outbreak and/or unusual expression of disease investigation and public health follow-up activities and implement containment measures.
 - a. Conduct necessary outbreak investigation and public health follow-up activities. Activities may include traditional case investigation for cases associated with an outbreak and public health follow-up activities and/or proximity/location-based methods, as well as methods adapted for healthcare facilities, employers, elementary and secondary schools, childcare facilities, institutions of higher education or in other settings. Data must be entered into the DSHS data system in accordance with DSHS published guidance. Grantee may not incur COVID-19 contact tracing or contact tracing call center expenditures beyond 8/31/2021.
 - b. Utilize tools (e.g., geographic information systems and methods) that assist in the rapid mapping and tracking of disease cases for timely and effective epidemic monitoring and response, incorporating laboratory testing results and other data sources.
 - c. Assist in identifying facilities that are not submitting data through ELR. Provide these facilities with information on the ELR onboarding process and the appropriate contact information of DSHS team who can onboard the

facility to have their data be reported electronically and no longer sent by fax. Also provide the names of these facilities to the DSHS team.

2. Identify cases associated with an outbreak, and exposure to COVID-19 in high-risk settings or within populations at increased risk of severe illness or death to target mitigation strategies and referral for therapies (for example, monoclonal antibodies) to prevent hospitalization.
 - a. Assess and monitor infections in healthcare workers across the healthcare spectrum.
 - b. Monitor cases associated with an outbreak, and exposure to COVID-19 to identify need for targeted mitigation strategies to isolate and prevent further spread within high-risk healthcare facilities (e.g., hospitals, dialysis clinics, cancer clinics, nursing homes, other long-term care facilities, etc.).
 - c. Monitor cases associated with an outbreak, and exposure to COVID-19 to identify need for targeted mitigation strategies to isolate and prevent further spread within high-risk occupational settings (e.g., meat processing facilities) and congregate living settings (e.g., correctional facilities, prisons, youth homes, shelters).
 - d. Work with DSHS to build capacity for reporting, rapid containment and prevention of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 within high-risk settings or in vulnerable populations that reside in their communities.
 - e. Jurisdictions should ensure systems are in place to link test results to relevant public health strategies, including prevention and treatment.

Note: Utilization of an existing DSHS system is preferred. If implementing new or replacement systems, develop an implementation plan, including the process for automatic transmission of data to DSHS in a machine-readable format, appropriate milestones and timeline to completion. Implementation plans will be reviewed and approved for consistency with the activities set forth by DSHS prior to start of implementation.

3. Implement prevention strategies in high-risk settings or within vulnerable populations (including tribal nations as appropriate),

Note: These additional resources are intended to be directed toward testing, outbreak investigation and public health follow-up activities, surveillance, containment, and mitigation, including support for workforce, epidemiology, use by employers, elementary and secondary schools, childcare facilities, institutions of higher education, long-term care facilities, or in other settings, scale-up of testing by public health, academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories, and community-based testing sites, mobile testing units, healthcare facilities, and other entities engaged in COVID-19 testing, and other related activities related to COVID-19 testing, case investigation and public health follow-up activities, surveillance, containment, and mitigation which may include interstate compacts or other mutual aid agreements for such purposes.

- a. Build capacity for infection prevention and control in long-term care facilities (LTCFs) (e.g., at least one Infection Preventionist [IP] for every facility) and outpatient settings.
 - i. Build capacity for LTCFs to safely care for infected and exposed residents of LTCFs and other congregate settings.
 - ii. Assist with enrollment of all LTCFs into CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) at <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/enroll.html>.
 - b. Build capacity for infection prevention and control in elementary and secondary schools, childcare facilities, and/or institutions of higher education.
 - c. Increase Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) assessment capacity on site using tele-ICAR.
 - d. Perform preparedness assessment to ensure interventions are in place to protect high-risk populations.
 - e. Coordinate as appropriate with federally funded entities responsible for providing health services to higher-risk populations (e.g., tribal nations and federally qualified health centers).
- F.** Work with healthcare system to manage and monitor system capacity.
1. Assess and monitor the number and availability of critical care staff, necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) and potentially life-saving medical equipment, as well as access to testing services.
 2. Leverage NHSN data to **monitor** healthcare worker staffing, Patient Impact, Hospital Capacity, and healthcare supplies (PPE, PAPRs, ventilators, etc.). Grantee will request access to the NHSN database within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Contract or within thirty (30) days of hire for the position completing the data entry. Upon access approval, Grantee will review available NHSN data (at least monthly) to assess gaps in the healthcare system.
- G.** Improve understanding of jurisdictional communities with respect to COVID-19 risk. Grantee must build an understanding of population density and high-risk population density (i.e., population of >65 yrs., proportion of population with underlying conditions, households with limited English fluency, healthcare-seeking behavior, populations without insurance and those below poverty level).
- H.** Submit a quarterly report on the report template to be provided by DSHS. Quarterly reports are due on or before the 15th of the month following the end of the quarter. Each report must contain a summary of activities that occurred during the preceding quarter for each activity listed above in Section I, Subsections A through G. Submit quarterly reports by electronic mail to COVID.Contracts@dshs.texas.gov. The email "Subject Line" and the name of the attached file for all reports should be clearly identified with the Grantee's Name, Contract Number, IDCU/COVID and the quarter the report covers.
- I.** May use funds to pay pre-award costs which date back to January 20, 2020, that are directly related to the COVID-19 outbreak response. All pre-award costs must be approved in writing by DSHS.

- J.** Not use funds for research, clinical care, fundraising activities, construction or major renovations, to supplant existing state or federal funds for activities, or funding an award to another party or provider who is ineligible. In addition, funds are not used to advertise or to promote COVID-19 vaccinations. Other than normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, no funds may be used for:
1. Publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body;
 2. The salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative act or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body;
 3. New incentive requests, new requests to purchase vehicles, furniture, and new requests for construction will no longer be supported. The allowance of these purchases was uniquely given during the pandemic, but they are not allowed under routine operations; and
 4. Grantee shall ensure funds are not used to advertise or to promote COVID-19 vaccinations.
- K.** Controlled Assets include firearms, regardless of the acquisition cost, and the following assets with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more, but less than \$5,000: desktop and laptop computers (including notebooks, tablets and similar devices), non-portable printers and copiers, emergency management equipment, communication devices and systems, medical and laboratory equipment, and media equipment. Controlled Assets are considered Supplies.
- L.** Grantee shall maintain an inventory of equipment, supplies defined as Controlled Assets, and real property. Grantee shall submit an annual cumulative report on DSHS Grantee's Property Inventory Report to the DSHS Contract Representative and FSOequip@dshs.texas.gov by email not later than October 15 of each year.
- M.** DSHS funds must not be used to purchase buildings or real property without prior written approval from DSHS. Any costs related to the initial acquisition of the buildings or real property are not allowable without written pre-approval.
- N.** At the expiration or termination of this Contact for any reason, title to any remaining equipment and supplies purchased with funds under this Contract reverts to DSHS. Title may be transferred to any other party designated by DSHS. DSHS may, at its option and to the extent allowed by law, transfer the reversionary interest to such property to Grantee.
- O.** DSHS-approved budget may be revised by Grantee in accordance with the following requirements:

1. For any transfer between budget categories, Grantee shall provide notification of transfer between budget categories by submission of a revised Categorical Budget Form to the DSHS Contract Representative, highlighting the areas affected by the budget transfer and written justification for the transfer request. After DSHS review, the designated DSHS Contract Representative will provide notification of acceptance or rejection to Grantee by email.
2. For transfer of funds between direct budget categories, other than the 'Equipment' and 'Indirect Cost' categories, for less than or equal to a cumulative twenty-five (25) percent of the total value of the respective Contract budget period, Grantee shall submit timely written notification to DSHS Contract Representative using the Revised Budget Form and request DSHS approval. If approved, DSHS Contract Representative will provide notification of acceptance to Grantee by email, upon receipt of which, the revised budget will be incorporated into the Contract.
3. For transfer of funds between direct budget categories, other than the 'Equipment' and 'Indirect Cost' categories, that cumulatively exceeds twenty-five (25) percent of the total value of the respective Contract budget period, Grantee shall submit timely written notification to DSHS Contract Representative using the Revised Budget Form and request DSHS approval. If the revision is approved, the budget revision is not authorized, and the funds cannot be utilized, until an amendment is executed by the Parties.
4. Any transfer between budget categories that includes 'Equipment' and/or 'Indirect Cost' categories must be incorporated by amendment. Grantee shall submit timely written notification to DSHS Contract Representative using the Revised Budget Form and request DSHS approval. If the revision is approved, the budget revision is not authorized, and the funds cannot be utilized, until an amendment is executed by the Parties.

II. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The System Agency will monitor the Grantee's performance of the requirements in Attachment A-4 and compliance with the Contract's terms and conditions.

III. INVOICE AND PAYMENT

- A. Grantee shall submit to DSHS a monthly detailed and accurate invoice describing the services performed in completion of the responsibilities outlined in this Statement of Work. Invoices and supporting documentation must be submitted to DSHS in accordance with Table 1, Invoice Submission Schedule.
- B. Grantee shall request payments monthly using the State of Texas Purchase Voucher (Form B-13). Invoices and supporting documentation must be submitted monthly to prevent delays in subsequent months. Grantees that do not incur expenses within a month are required to submit a "zero dollar" invoice on a monthly basis. Grantee must

submit a final close-out invoice. Invoices received more than thirty (30) days after each fiscal year are subject to denial of payment. Invoices and all supporting documentation must be submitted by mail, fax, or email.

1. If by mail, Grantee shall submit to:
 Department of State Health Services
 Claims Processing Unit, MC 1940
 P.O. Box 149347
 Austin, TX 78714-9347
2. If by fax, Grantee shall submit to (512) 458-7442.
3. If by email, Grantee shall submit to invoices@dshs.texas.gov and CMSInvoices@dshs.texas.gov.

Failure to submit required information may result in delay of payment or return of invoice. Billing invoices must be legible. Illegible or incomplete invoices which cannot be verified will be disallowed for payment.

Table 1: Invoice Submission Schedule	
Period Covered	Due Date
September 1st through September 30th	October 31st
October 1st through October 31st	November 30th
November 1st through November 30th	December 31st
December 1st through December 31st	January 31st
January 1st through January 31st	February 28th (or February 29th in leap year)
February 1st through February 28th (or February 29th in leap year)	March 31st
March 1st through March 31st	April 30th
April 1st through April 30th	May 31st
May 1st through May 31st	June 30th
June 1st through June 30th	July 31st
July 1st through July 31st	August 31st
August 1st through August 31st	September 30th
Final Close-out Invoice	Due Date
August 1st through August 31st	September 30th

- C. Grantee shall submit the Financial Status Report (FSR-269A) twice per fiscal year as outlined in Table 2, FSR Submission Schedule. Grantee shall email the FSR-269A to the following email addresses: FSRgrants@dshs.texas.gov and CMSInvoices@dshs.texas.gov. Grantee shall submit the final financial status report no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the Contract term.

Table 2: FSR Submission Schedule	
Period Covered	Due Date
September 1st through February 28th (or February 29th in leap year)	March 31st
Final Financial Status Report March 1st through August 31st	September 30th

- D.** Grantee will be paid on a cost reimbursement basis and in accordance with the budget for the corresponding year under this Contract.

**ATTACHMENT B-4
REVISED BUDGET**

Categorical Budget	Epi CARES Funding	Epi Expansion Funding	Additional Expansion Funding	
Budget Period	August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2026	August 31, 2021 to July 31, 2026	Upon Execution to July 31, 2026	Contract Total
PERSONNEL	\$227,280.00	\$281,676.00	\$223,752.00	\$732,708.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$86,503.00	\$103,516.00	\$96,236.00	\$286,255.00
TRAVEL	\$0.00	\$6,348.00	\$1,568.00	\$7,916.00
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUPPLIES	\$23,422.00	\$24,711.00	\$14,807.00	\$62,940.00
CONTRACTUAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER	\$21,582.00	\$32,233.00	\$0.00	\$53,815.00
TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES	\$358,787.00	\$448,484.00	\$336,363.00	\$1,143,634.00
INDIRECT CHARGES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$358,787.00	\$448,484.00	✓ \$336,363.00	\$1,143,634.00

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