



July 1, 2025

The Honorable Richard F. Cortez, County Judge
Hidalgo County
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Edinburg, Texas 78542

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RE: NOTICE TO PROCEED

Dear Judge Cortez:

DSHS was notified that the federal grant funding for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Base from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is being partially funded. CDC has awarded 72% of the Federal award to DSHS of the Base allocation for Budget Period (BP2).

This Contract is partially funded for FY2026 in the amount of \$426,635.00 in Federal Funds. As a result of this partial award, DSHS will be requesting an updated budget to align with the award amount and will process a contract amendment to formally notate this contract amount change.

Hidalgo County is authorized to proceed with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness ("PHEP") grant year two (2) activities occurring July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 ("FY2026"), for the CPS/PHEP program, Contract No. HHS001439500024.

This Notice to Proceed is an official Notice under your Contract and becomes part of your Contract file. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Imelda Garcia".

Imelda Garcia, MPH
Chief Deputy Commissioner
Department of State Health Services