

To: Board of County Commissioners
Penny Postoak Ferguson, County Manager

From: Sanmi Areola, Director, Department of Health and Environment

Date: September 10, 2020

Re: ELC COVID-19 Staffing and Infrastructure Support funding

Issue: Consider accepting funding and increasing budget authority in the amount of \$1,614,674.76 awarded to Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative Agreement (ELC), funded through the federal Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, distributed through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of providing staffing and infrastructure support.

Suggested Motion: I move to accept funding and increase budget authority in the amount of \$1,614,674.16 for funds awarded to Johnson County Department of Health and Environment through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative Agreement.

Background: The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is administering and distributing funding awarded through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative Agreement, which is funded through the federal Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. JCDHE's share of those funds is \$1,614,674.76. They may be used retroactively for expenses incurred on or after January 20, 2020 and must be fully expended by November 30, 2022.

Analysis: The intent of the ELC funding is to provide financial support for staffing and infrastructure to local health departments for COVID-19 response efforts. It may be used for salaries, overtime, one-time pay adjustments, and contracts for response activities. Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds were slated to cover some JCDHE staffing costs, however, use of the ELC funding will allow JCDHE to use fewer CARES Act dollars for staffing costs.

Funding Overview: Acceptance of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative Agreement COVID-19 Staffing and Infrastructure Support funds will not require any county financial support.

Alternatives: The alternative is to not accept the funding, resulting in the utilization of CARES Act dollars and/or taxpayer dollars to pay for COVID-19 response time and activities.

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of staff to approve acceptance of the funds.

Purchasing Review: This item does not need Purchasing approval.

Budget Review: Budget and Financial Planning has reviewed and approved the item.

Legal Review: The Legal Department has reviewed the briefing sheet.