

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 20-0516

**LOG NAME:** 36COVID-19 PREVALENCE STUDY AGREEMENT WITH UT SOUTHWESTERN

## **SUBJECT**

Authorize Agreement with University of Texas Southwestern and Texas Health Resources to Assist with Funding a COVID-19 Prevalence Study in Tarrant County, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000,000.00, to be Funded from Existing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Title V Funding (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize an agreement with the University of Texas Southwestern and Texas Health Resources to assist with funding a COVID-19 prevalence study in Tarrant County, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to be funded from existing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Title V Funding.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) and Texas Health Resources are joining forces to launch a large coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) prevalence study that encompasses Tarrant and Dallas Counties. They will test 44,000 individuals, including 14,000 high-risk workers and 30,000 community members, spanning the full breadth of socio-economic, racial, and geographic diversity throughout Tarrant and Dallas Counties, to understand the true prevalence of COVID-19 in the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) area.

As the data is analyzed by a team of data scientists at UTSW, they will provide frequent updates to community stakeholders and government officials to help lead the community through this challenging time. This will be a multi-phase project with the goal of assisting business leaders and government officials in making the best decisions to keep North Texans safe and the economy open.

The source of funding for the study will be the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Title V funding received from the U.S. Treasury. Based on current federal criteria, all funds not used by December 30, 2020 must be returned to the City.

This study will be for ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: UT Southwestern

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Code Compliance Department and the Fire Department have the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is an advance award.

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