



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC019 to recognize additional funds in the amount of \$6,000 from NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section/ Communicable Disease Branch.

Background/Justification

To help better control, detect, and monitor communicable diseases, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) is implementing a new system: the Electronic Test Ordering and Results (ETOR) system.

Currently, local health departments send thousands of paper test requisition forms to the NCSLPH each week, which results in thousands of paper results being sent back. This manual process is time-consuming and inefficient for everyone. To significantly reduce paper and streamline operations, the NCSLPH is phasing in the implementation of the ETOR system.

This new bidirectional interface will allow every local health department to place lab test orders with NCSLPH electronically (i.e., paperless) and to receive lab test results automatically back into the local health department's EHR system via the NCHIEA. This change will make test ordering and receipt of results much more efficient, benefiting all local health departments across North Carolina

Policy Impact

Recognition of these funds are in line with current Board policy and do not require an exception.

Procurement Background

This contract is an amendment to the current contract with NC State Laboratory.

Type of purchase

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Construction Work

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☐ No ☒

Goods: Bids required if \geq \$30,000, BOCC approval if \geq \$90,000

Services: Bids required if \geq \$30,000, BOCC approval if $>$ \$40,000

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if \geq \$30,000, BOCC approval if \geq \$500,000

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption



- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☒ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☐ Other (please explain)

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, why? Due to the amount and nature of the contract (funding coming from state for our existing contract with NC State Laboratory).

Fiscal Impact

Recognizing these revenues for the current fiscal year will allow for additional funding needed to support the ETOR system will enable local health departments to place electronic laboratory test orders via their Electronic Health Record and Electronic Medical Record (EHR) vendors' systems and view laboratory test results via their EHR vendors' systems.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends the Board approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC019 to recognize additional funds in the amount of \$6,000 from NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section/ Communicable Disease Branch.