

DALLAS COUNTY OFFICE OF BUDGET AND EVALUATION

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SUBJECT: FY2026 Proposed Budget for Community Health Services Baseline Budget

Background

Dallas County's Community Health Services (DCCHS) plays a critical role in promoting public health and ensuring the well-being of its residents. The Hospital District maintains the financial responsibility over certain community health services within Dallas County. The purpose of the arrangement is to allow the Hospital District to claim certain county health expenditures in order to acquire a larger portion of the State's tobacco settlement funds, which were originally distributed based on indigent health care expenditures. The effect on the taxpayers of Dallas County remains neutral.

Dallas County Health and Human Services provides the health care to Dallas County residents and the Hospital District reimburses the County for the cost of these services. A monthly invoice is prepared to include expenses for the following areas: Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic, Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic, Public Health Laboratory, and Preventive Health (excluding Foreign Travel). It also includes local matches for the following grant categories: TB, STD, Public Health, and Immunization.

Operations:

Below is a description of the following services:

<u>Sexual Transmittable Disease (STD) Clinic:</u> STD Clinic serves as the primary diagnostic and treatment center for STDs in Dallas County. Test for all major STDs such as gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, and AIDS are performed. If detected, the clinic also provides treatment and referrals.

<u>Tuberculosis</u> (TB) Clinic: The TB Clinic serves as the central intake point for services for individuals with tuberculosis. The clinic provides medical services such as confirmation skin tests, chest x-rays, and treatment plans.

<u>Public Health Laboratory (Lab.)</u>: The Public Health Lab performs serological, biological, and bacteriological analyses and tests for the diagnosis of disease to determine the effectiveness of treatment and to control the spread of communicable diseases.

<u>Prevention Health:</u> The Preventive Health program operates clinics throughout Dallas County (excluding the City of Dallas) in the area of well-childcare, low birth-weight, and childhood immunizations.

The objective of this analysis memo is to analyze the current status of the Hospital District and provide an estimate for the cost of the community health services provided by the County and reimbursed by the District for FY2026.

Budget Details

The total amount of expenditures by the County for October 2024 through June 2025 is \$10,260,439; any expenses exceeding the contract amount are placed into an escrow account for projected revenue. The maximum reimbursement for community health services for FY2025 is \$12,356,019. The projected maximum reimbursement for FY2026 is \$12,995,315. Projected revenue for FY2025 is \$1,100,000 and for FY2026 the projected revenue will remain at \$1,100,000.

| FY2026 Proposed Budget Community Health Services | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| FY2024 Budget FY2025 Budget | | FY2026 Proposed Budget | FY26 vs FY25 Variances | | |
| \$ 11,793,787 | \$12,356,019 | \$ 12,995,315 | \$ 639,296 | | |





| Department | FY2024 Budget | FY2025 Budget | FY2026 Proposed Budget | FY26 vs FY25 Variances |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Public Health Lab | \$3,641,844 | \$4,316,610 | \$5,050,155 | \$733,545 |
| Preventive Health | \$4,119,243 | \$4,133,230 | \$4,246,725 | \$113,495 |
| TB Clinic | \$3,032,954 | \$3,203,370 | \$3,370,870 | \$167,500 |
| STD Clinic | \$3,081,993 | \$3,056,900 | \$3,506,490 | \$449,590 |
| Adjustments | \$(1,982,247) | \$(2,316,323) | \$(4,352,725) | \$(2,036,402) |
| Grant Match | \$500,000 | \$500,000 | \$750,000 | \$250,000 |
| Revenue | \$(1,100,000) | \$(1,100,000) | \$0 | \$1,100,000 |
| Program Improvement Requests | \$39,100 | \$241,637 | \$0 | \$(241,637) |
| Health Insurance Cost | \$10,400 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Salary Structure Increase | \$450,500 | \$320,595 | \$423,800 | \$103,205 |
| Total Expenditures Cost | \$11,793,787 | \$12,356,019 | \$12,995,315 | \$639,296 |

Projected revenues

The total reimbursement for FY2025 is the contract amount of \$12,356,019. The projected revenue for FY2026 proposed budget is \$1,100,00; any accrued revenue will be placed into the escrow account.

| FY2025 Community Health Services - Projected Revenue | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 Proposed | Variances from FY2025 | | |
| Budget | Budget | Budget | | | |
| \$1,100,000 | \$1,100,000 | \$1,100,000 | \$- | | |

Recommendation

The Community Health FY2026 Budget represents a continuation of existing services. The Office of Budget and Evaluation recommends the FY2026 Baseline Budget for Community Health Services at \$12,995,315 collected by the County for these services with a total baseline reimbursement not to exceed \$12,995,315. Any expenses exceeding the contract amount will be projected revenue and placed in a Dallas County escrow account. The total amount of the FY2026 Budget will be included as part of the FY2026 Parkland Annual Contract.