

Backup for Agenda Item

The County has funded three RN positions within Clinical Health Services for Public Health Nursing. Over the years those positions have evolved to focus primarily on Tuberculosis Control and Prevention and Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention. Other funding initiatives from the state have provided additional nurses and support staff for the Immunizations and Surveillance/Epidemiology Sections.

In 2007, the Texas Department of State Health Services awarded Fort Bend County a grant for Tuberculosis Prevention and Control which overtime increased to support an LVN and a TB Program Manager position along with supplies, equipment, travel and contractual services (DOT workers, X-rays, MRI, lab work).

In 2010, the Texas Department of State Health Services awarded federal TB Prevention and Control funding to Fort Bend County. This funding supports an LVN and program supplies, equipment, travel and contractual services (DOT workers, X-rays, MRI, lab work).

Funding for the last few years has been fairly level, which in effect creates a shortfall due to increasing salary and benefit costs.

The program feels that it would be most beneficial to retain program leadership over time, if positions have to be laid off due to lack of grant funding. Therefore, at this time we are requesting that the TB Program Manager position be switched to county revenue funding and the currently vacant TB nurse position be moved to the grant funding.

Total budget impact to the County at this time is \$4,225.61 (annual).