

COVID-19 Project Narrative:

Provide a detailed work plan that describes how your entity will accomplish all activities proposed for this project. The plan must also describe a clear method for reporting and evaluating the services and activities to be provided.

To be acceptable, project must:

- Scope must include allowable activities included in the announcement.
- Must contain clear milestones/activities/tasks and timeline for project completion (funding expires **June 30, 2022**).

Funds are "one-time" only and projects should not incur future recurring costs.

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Project Name: COVID-19 funding for Fort Bend County (FBC) Health Department Ensure high-quality and safe administration of COVID-19 vaccines
Amount of Funds Needed: \$98,840.00
Expected Impact (geography/population/other): The Fort Bend County (FBC) Immunization Program expects to continue to help protect people at the greatest risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 through vaccination and education. FBC has and will continue to reach out to eligible priority groups and underserved communities identified as being at risk for negative outcomes related to COVID 19 disease. FBC will continue to promote the education and registration in Immtrac2 by priority populations. All priority groups in the FBC jurisdiction are registered and provided with education related to Immtrac2.

Fort Bend County is currently serving as a HUB supporting five COVID-19 vaccination sites and a mobile unit. These sites accommodate the growing number of residents meeting the prioritization criteria and wanting to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

The additional funding will be utilized to support the ongoing COVID Vaccine efforts by augmenting the current immunization staff to support the public health infrastructure of Fort Bend County

Partners Coordinating With:

Fort Bend County is coordinating the FBC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to assist with vaccinating homebound residents within the jurisdiction. The FBC Clinical Health Service TB and HIV Departments have continued to assist the Immunization Program with the COVID-19 vaccination response effort. Others partners coordinating with Fort Bend County LHD to ensure COVID-19 vaccinations for all priority groups, include Next Level, Memorial Hermann Hospital and AccessHealth. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers support ongoing vaccination efforts.

Timeline for Completion of Milestones/Tasks/Activities:

- **3-4 virtual/in-person site visits per month to COVID-19 vaccination clinics**-Promote COVID-19 vaccination quality improvement through various training sessions in the following areas: vaccine storage and handling, vaccine administration, vaccine transport, and maintenance of cold chain (supportive supervision).
- **Daily telephone/email support for COVID-19 vaccination clinics**- Support vaccine administration sites within Fort Bend County by responding questions and concerns of staff and patient. The FBC immunization team will provide ongoing technical and subject matter expertise to the sites as necessary.
- **Visits as necessary to COVID-19 vaccination clinics**-Training for new products or changes in clinical practice as per CDC guidance.
- **3-4 visits per month to complete COVID-19 vaccination clinic inventory assessments**-Provide supplies, including personal protective equipment (PPE), vaccine storage and handling equipment such as data loggers, portable cooling units as need for vaccine transport and cold chain maintenance and compliance. Ensure appropriate supplies of patient educational materials to all sites.

- **Visits as needed to COVID-19 vaccination clinic to assess for patient safety and adverse event preparedness** - Ensure vaccine administration sites have appropriate capabilities to address adverse events, including anaphylaxis. Provide resources and education as necessary including reporting to V-safe and VAERS.
- **Bi-monthly review of data entered into Immtrac2 for completion and accuracy**

Description of COVID-19 Project and Activities:

Fort Bend County is a HUB and thereby supports the vaccine efforts in multiple locations all of which require supplies, materials and human resources. The requested supplies and equipment will support the ongoing efforts to expeditiously document and report vaccine efforts at all sites.

The IT equipment will enable the Fort Bend staff to provide timely reports to the Department of State Health Services, elected officials and the public.

Through the completion of the milestones and goals, FBC will ensure quality patient centered care in the provision of COVID 19 vaccines.