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To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Matt Bolang

Re: Resolution to accept Emerging Threat funds from MDHHS for fiscal year 2023

The attached resolution allows for an updated agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to provide Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) with the capacity to respond to communicable diseases and environmental emergencies (Emerging Threats). The funding mechanism with this contract is flexible depending on the Emerging Threat. For example, we can use this funding source for any necessary response to Monkeypox as well as Tuberculosis testing and monitoring. We may also use this funding when needed in potential future responses to environmental contamination events such as PFAS, Lead, TCE, etc. This funding continues to allow for the response to COVID-19, with funding directed to approved activities as specified in Resolution 2021-09-156. This contract and associated funding is vital to maintaining our level of services to Livingston County residents and to keep them safe.

This funding may be used to reimburse the county for services covered in the agreement, primarily staffing, communications, IT costs, and supplies needed for further Emerging Threat support. The LCHD 2023 allocation of funding for these efforts is \$1,695,972; the breakdown of projects is as follows:

Epi Lab Capacity	\$ 606,095
Workforce Development	\$ 172,607
Immunizations	\$ 917,270
TOTAL	\$ 1,695,972

It is important to note that MDHHS has expanded the allowable expenses and response activities in this contract, specifically in the Epi Lab Capacity project. This includes the training of staff to respond to a wide variety of communicable diseases. Allowable response activities also include supporting general infection control measures and assisting in our congregate settings, which include nursing homes and long-term care facilities, keeping our senior population safe and preventing disease outbreaks. MDHHS also included a Workforce Development funding source that allows for a more robust training of staff to meet public health needs and overall planning for health departments to maintain and retain staff going forward to be able to meet future demands.

These expenses will be reported in the state's reporting website E-Grams, the same as it is done for the projects in LCHD's comprehensive agreement. As other Emerging Threats are identified, and LCHD incurs costs, MDHHS can use this contract as a mechanism for reimbursement.

I urge you to accept these funds and approve this contract from MDHHS. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.