



## LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Matt Bolang

Re: Resolution to Accept Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Funding to Support Livingston County Health Department's Response to Emerging Threats for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024

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The attached resolution requests the authority to accept funding from 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 is designed to be flexible, with funding for projects as they may occur. Recently that has included funding for our response to Monkeypox and Tuberculosis testing and control and could also apply to environmental threats as well.

One area that LCHD has been able to support from this funding is increasing our capacity to partner with our congregate care facilities (assisting living, nursing homes, etc) to be a resource for infection prevention control measures to reduce communicable disease outbreaks. This funding can also be used to support professional development opportunities for staff so that they may attend various workshops and conferences.

There have been no significant changes in program requirements, or funding from 2023.

The final contract language will not be available from MDHHS until all of the program allocations are approved at the State, typically completed in mid-September with the deadline to sign the contract October 1<sup>st</sup>. In past years, this agreement was brought to the Board for approval contingent upon no substantial changes in the contract language and final review by legal counsel. I have attached the FY23 contract to provide additional information and do not anticipate any programmatic changes for FY24.

I recommend that you continue to support this funding source for LCHD as it helps to support existing staff that work in various public health programs. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.