



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 17, 2020

Re: National Environmental Health Association Agreement to support National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS) Activities

Executive Summary

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign the National Environmental Health Association Agreement to support National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS) Activities in the amount of \$2,500 for the period of February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020; appropriating funds.

Discussion

CDC and national food safety partners recommend all food safety programs use NEARS to improve food safety in the United States. Participation in the NEARS program can help prevent foodborne illness outbreaks and have access to use NEARS data to help identify environmental causes of outbreaks; take follow-up action to reduce or prevent future foodborne illness outbreaks; evaluate our food safety program and make improvements based on established guidelines; develop or modify program policies or regulations; focus limited program resources on actions with the highest impacts; and achieve advanced conformance with the FDA Retail Food Program Standards, standard 5. This funding was not anticipated during the FY20 budget process. An appropriation is necessary.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This is grant funding and has no impact on the general fund.

Long-Term Impact: n/a

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/21/2020	PHHS has never received this funding opportunity.

Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.