



Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District

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PRESS RELEASE

Wichita Falls – Wichita County Public Health District Awarded \$1.9 Million Grant

Wichita Falls, Texas – The Wichita Falls – Wichita County Public Health District is excited that the Wichita Falls City Council approved the receipt of funds during today’s City Council meeting. The funds will be awarded from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Public Health Workforce Grant in the amount of \$1,929,328. The grant is a result of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response. This is a two-year grant which will allow the Health District to expand, train and sustain a response-ready public health workforce. These efforts will support the work of the Health District in COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, and response and recovery initiatives. The grant will also provide funding for 11.75 Full-Time employees.

Lou Kreidler, Public Health Director said, “We are thankful that our City Council approved the receipt of this funding and we are appreciative that we were awarded the grant from DSHS. To date, this is the largest grant the Health District has ever received. It will have a significant impact directly for the community we serve through health promotions, education, engagement, community health assessments and the opportunity to address key priority issues. We are excited to expand upon the work we are already doing through the use of these additional funds.”

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