



Press Release



wichitafallstx.gov

For Immediate Release

April 12, 2023

Wichita Falls – Wichita County Public Health District Awarded \$2.5 Million Grant

Wichita Falls, Texas- The Wichita Falls Wichita County Public Health District is excited to announce the Wichita Falls City Council approved the receipt of grant funds during the April 4, 2023, City Council meeting.

The funds will be awarded from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Public Health Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$2,509,263, with the contract being received on April 12, 2023.

Amy Fagan, Public Health Interim Director said, "These funds are so important to the advancement of public health initiatives within the communities served by the Health District. Staff are thankful for the opportunity and look forward to continuing and enhancing their critical work."

The grant is a result of the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Grant. This is a five-year grant which will be used for the sustainment of the existing staff hired with the Public Health Workforce Grant that was awarded in 2021.

This funding will allow the Health District to make strategic investments to support hiring, retaining, supporting, and training the public health workforce. The grant will provide funding for 12.5 Full-Time employees.

Additionally, it will fund the continuation of the Public Health Fellowship Program, which has been a great addition to the Health District by providing opportunities for students to learn more about public health. Funds will be used in a strategic way, based on the Community Health Assessment and other factors, to continue to support initiatives such as diabetes prevention and self-management, and tobacco cessation and prevention.

###