

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the County Council

FROM: Sara Evers, Department Acting Director *SME*

RE: Workforce Grant

DATE: 2/1/2023

The Department of Public Health is seeking approval to accept grant funds from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for public health response and workforce development. This grant funding is intended for salaries and staff time to expand, train, and sustain public health workforce in programs for prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. The deliverables for this grant include recruiting, hiring, and training staff, providing supplies and equipment needed to support public health staff. The grant will allow hiring or supporting temporary staff for various positions as well as employee training, volunteer coordinator, laboratory technicians, interns, and translators. Professional staff such as mental health professionals and epidemiologists will also be hired as intermittent assistance. The funding will additionally be utilized to provide training and skill development for newly hired and current staff. This funding will support the development of new staff as well as advance the programming within the Department of Public Health to address the needs within the St. Charles community.