

COVID RESPONSE TEAM FUNDING

Board Meeting: March 16,
2022



BOARD PREVIOUS ACTION

- February 9, 2022, BOCC approved up to \$350,000 to support COVID response team, up to \$55,000 per week for 5 main areas
 - COVID Hotline
 - Testing
 - Vaccination
 - Outbreak response for high consequence settings (such as congregate settings, day care, schools, and businesses).
 - Wrap around support services and isolation motel service delivery



CURRENT STATUS

- Reduced costs (due to adjusting to demand) and FEMA reimbursements – current approved funds will last until late April 2022.
- Board allocated a total of \$ 2,350,000 for temporary COVID staffing.
 - \$378,295 remains – which will fund the current temporary staffing levels (at a rate of \$55,000 per week) for at least another 7 months.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Audit: “Overall temporary worker costs being spent through Public Health – Communicable diseases (and the primary temp worker vendor) have moved with the surges of the pandemic.”
- The most recent weekly (beginning of March 2022) temporary staffing cost was \$32,000.
- The Health Services Department recently discontinued the practice of paying COVID premium pay for salaried employees.



BOARD POLICY DECISIONS

Board policy discussion/decision:

1. What is the “up to” amount the Board wants to authorize per week?
 - Up to \$55,000 per week.
 - Up to \$30,000 per week.
 - Other
2. How long does the Board want to approve the weekly “up to” amount?
 - 1 month
 - 2 months
 - 3 months
 - other

