

John Hellerstedt, M.D. Commissioner

Eric Cadow Harris County Public Health 1310 Prairie, Suite 530 Houston, Texas 77002

Subject: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Contract Contract Number: 537-18-0119-00001, Amendment No. 04 Contract Amount: \$5,693,896.00 Contract Term: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021

Dear Mr. Cadow:

Enclosed is the Public Health Emergency Preparedness amendment between the Department of State Health Services and Harris County Public Health.

The purpose of this contract is to perform activities in support of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in support of public health emergency preparedness.

This amendment increases the contract by \$1,448,201.00 (reflecting \$1,316,546.00 in federal funding and \$131,655.00 in match funding) for FY2021 and extends the end of the contract term to June 30, 2021.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Quynh-Nhi Ge Contract Manager 512-776-2304 Quynhnhi.Ge@dshs.texas.gov

# DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT NO. 537-18-0119-00001

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

**The DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES ("System Agency")** and **HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ("Grantee")**, collectively the "**Parties**" to that certain Public Health Emergency Preparedness ("PHEP") contract effective July 1, 2017 and denominated as DSHS Contract No. 537-18-0119-00001 (the "**Contract**"), as amended, now want to further amend the Contract.

WHEREAS, System Agency has elected to extend the term of the Contract, to revise the Budget and to amend the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2021 Statement of Work.

The Parties hereby amend and modify the Contract as follows:

- 1. ARTICLE III of the Signature Document, DURATION, is hereby amended to reflect a revised termination date of June 30, 2021.
- 2. ARTICLE IV of the Signature Document, BUDGET, is hereby amended to add \$1,316,546.00 in federal funding to the Contract and with the Grantee providing a total of \$131,655.00 in match funds for Fiscal Year 2021. The total not-to-exceed amount of the Contract is therefore increased to \$5,693,896.00, of which \$5,176,723.00 represents federal funding and \$517,173.00 represents match. All expenditures under the Contract will be in accordance with the revised budget stated in Article 4 of this Amendment. Funds provided in support of one Contract activity may only be used for that activity and may not be comingled with other funds provided under this Contract.
- 3. ARTICLE VIII of the Signature Document, NOTICE TO PROCEED, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

#### VIII. NOTICE TO PROCEED

Funding for this Contract is dependent on the award of the applicable federal grant. No FY2021 work may begin and no charges may be incurred until the System Agency issues a written notice to proceed to Grantee. This Notice to Proceed may include an amended or ratified budget which will be incorporated into this Contract by a subsequent amendment, as necessary. Notwithstanding the preceding, at the discretion of the System Agency, Grantee may be eligible to receive reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred during the period of performance as defined by 2 CFR §200.309.

Budget	FY18 Budget Summary	FY19 Budget Summary	FY20 Budget Summary	FY21 Budget Summary	Total Budget
Categories	(7/1/17 -	(7/1/18 -	(7/1/2019 -	(7/1/20 -	Summary
	6/30/18)	6/30/19)	6/30/20)	6/30/21)	
Personnel	\$793,335.00	\$772,966.00	\$729,034.00	\$737,652.00	\$3,032,987.00
Fringe Benefits	\$346,449.00	\$356,492.00	\$341,188.00	\$317,676.00	\$1,361,805.00
Travel	\$30,160.00	\$28,878.00	\$23,204.00	\$30,745.00	\$112,987.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$35,485.00	\$34,143.00	\$35,671.00	\$38,456.00	\$143,755.00
Contractual	\$42,925.00	\$41,125.00	\$96,960.00	\$86,960.00	\$267,970.00
Other	\$27,350.00	\$42,100.00	\$59,750.00	\$54,550.00	\$183,750.00
Sum of DSHS	\$1,275,704.00	\$1,275,704.00	\$1,285,807.00	\$1,266,039.00	\$5,103,254.00
Direct Costs	\$0.00	00.00	¢22.062.00	¢50,507,00	\$72.4(0.00
Indirect Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,962.00	\$50,507.00	\$73,469.00
Sum of DSHS Direct Costs and	\$1,275,704.00	\$1,275,704.00	\$1,308,769.00	\$1,316,546.00	\$5,176,723.00
Indirect Costs					
Plus, Required					
Match (Cash or	\$127,570.00	\$127,570.00	\$130,378.00	\$131,655.00	\$517,173.00
In-Kind)					
Total Contract Amount	\$1,403,274.00	\$1,403,274.00	\$1,439,147.00	\$1,448,201.00	\$5,693,896.00

4. **ATTACHMENT B, BUDGET,** is hereby amended by deleting the budget table in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

The Parties agree that Grantee shall provide total matching funds in the amount of \$517,173.00.

- 5. ATTACHMENT A.4, FY2020 STATEMENT OF WORK, is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety with ATTACHMENT A.5, FY2021 STATEMENT OF WORK.
- 6. This Amendment shall be effective on July 1, 2020.
- 7. Except as amended by this Amendment, all terms and conditions of the Contract, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.
- 8. Any further revisions to the Contract shall be by written agreement of the Parties.

#### SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

#### **SIGNATURE PAGE FOR AMENDMENT NO. 4** SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT No. 537-18-0119-00001

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

DocuSigned by: Jennifer Sims

DocuSigned by: Lina Hidalgo By:

Jennifer Sims

Deputy Commissioner

Name: Lina Hidalgo

Title: County Judge

Date of Signature: June 11, 2020

Date of Signature: June 10, 2020

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS AMENDMENT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMS ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THE CONTRACT BY REFERENCE:

ATTACHMENT A.5 - FY2021 STATEMENT OF WORK

ATTACHMENT C-FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

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#### I. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Grantee will:

- A. Perform activities in support of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness ("PHEP") Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") to advance public health preparedness.
- **B.** Perform the activities required under this Contract in the following county/ies: Harris County.
- C. Provide System Agency with situational awareness data generated through interoperable networks of electronic data systems.
- **D.** Address the following public health emergency preparedness capabilities:
  - 1. Capability 1 Community preparedness is the ability of communities to prepare for, withstand, and recover from public health incidents in both the short and long term.
  - Capability 2 Community recovery is the ability of communities to identify critical assets, facilities, and other services within public health, emergency management, health care, human services, mental/behavioral health, and environmental health sectors that can guide and prioritize recovery operations.
  - 3. Capability 3 Emergency operations coordination is the ability to coordinate with emergency management and to direct and support an incident or event with public health or health care implications by establishing a standardized, scalable system of oversight, organization, and supervision that is consistent with jurisdictional standards and practices and the National Incident Management System ("NIMS").
  - 4. Capability 4 Emergency public information and warning is the ability to develop, coordinate, and disseminate information, alerts, warnings, and notifications to the public and incident management personnel.
  - 5. Capability 5 Fatality management is the ability to coordinate with partner organizations and agencies to provide fatality management services to ensure the proper recovery and preservation of remains; identification of the deceased; determination of cause and manner of death; release of remains to an authorized individual; and provision of mental/behavioral health assistance for the grieving. The role also may include supporting activities for the identification, collection, documentation, retrieval, and transportation of human remains, personal effects, and evidence to the examination location or incident morgue.
  - 6. Capability 6 Information sharing is the ability to conduct multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary exchange of health-related information and situational awareness data among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial levels of government and the private sector. This capability includes the routine sharing of information as well as issuing of public health alerts to all levels of government and the private sector in preparation for and

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in response to events or incidents of public health significance.

- 7. Capability 7 Mass care is the ability of public health agencies to coordinate with and support partner agencies to address, within a congregate location (excluding shelter-in-place locations), the public health, health care, mental/behavioral health, and human services needs of those impacted by an incident. This capability includes coordinating ongoing surveillance and public health assessments to ensure that health needs continue to be met as the incident evolves.
- 8. Capability 8 Medical countermeasure dispensing and administration is the ability to provide medical countermeasures to targeted population(s) to prevent, mitigate, or treat the adverse health effects of a public health incident, according to public health guidelines. This capability focuses on dispensing and administering medical countermeasures, such as vaccines, antiviral drugs, antibiotics, and antitoxins.
- 9. Capability 9 Medical materiel management and distribution is the ability to acquire, manage, transport, and track medical materiel during a public health incident or event and the ability to recover and account for unused medical materiel, such as pharmaceuticals, vaccines, gloves, masks, ventilators, or medical equipment after an incident.
- 10. Capability 10 Medical surge is the ability to provide adequate medical evaluation and care during events that exceed the limits of the normal medical infrastructure of an affected community. It encompasses the ability of the health care system to endure a hazard impact, maintain or rapidly recover operations that were compromised, and support the delivery of medical care and associated public health services, including disease surveillance, epidemiological inquiry, laboratory diagnostic services, and environmental health assessments.
- 11. Capability 11 Nonpharmaceutical interventions are actions that people and communities can take to help slow the spread of illness or reduce the adverse impact of public health emergencies. This capability focuses on communities, community partners, and stakeholders recommending and implementing nonpharmaceutical interventions in response to the needs of an incident, event, or threat. Nonpharmaceutical interventions may include isolation; quarantine; restrictions on movement and travel advisories or warnings; social distancing; external decontamination; hygiene; and precautionary protective behaviors.
- 12. Capability 12 Public health laboratory testing is the ability to implement and perform methods to detect, characterize, and confirm public health threats. It also includes the ability to report timely data, provide investigative support, and use partnerships to address actual or potential exposure to threat agents in multiple matrices, including clinical specimens and food, water, and other environmental samples. This capability supports passive and active surveillance when preparing for, responding to, and recovering from biological, chemical, and radiological (if a Radiological Laboratory Response Network is established) public health threats and emergencies.
- 13. Capability 13 Public health surveillance and epidemiological investigation is the ability to create, maintain, support, and strengthen routine surveillance and detection systems and

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epidemiological investigation processes. It also includes the ability to expand these systems and processes in response to incidents of public health significance.

- 14. Capability 14 Responder safety and health is the ability to protect public health and other emergency responders during pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment.
- 15. Capability 15 Volunteer management is the ability to coordinate with emergency management and partner agencies to identify, recruit, register, verify, train, and engage volunteers to support the jurisdictional public health agency's preparedness, response, and recovery activities during pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment.
- **E.** Match funds awarded under this Contract with costs or third-party contributions that are not paid by the federal government under another award, except where authorized by federal statute to be used for cost sharing or matching. The non-federal contributions (match) may be provided directly or through donations from public or private entities and may be in cash or in-kind donations, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or services. The costs that the Grantee incurs in fulfilling the matching or cost-sharing requirement are subject to the same requirements, including the cost principles, that are applicable to the use of federal funds, including prior approval requirements and other rules for allowable costs as described in 45 CFR 74.23 and 45 CFR 92.24, as amended.

Grantee will provide matching funds in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Contract amount as set forth in **Attachment B**, **Budget**. Cash match is defined as an expenditure of cash by the Grantee on allowable costs of this Contract that are borne by the Grantee. In-kind match is defined as the dollar value of non-cash contributions by a third party given in goods, commodities, or services that are used in activities that benefit this Contract's project and that are contributed by non-federal third parties without charge to the Grantee. The criteria for match must:

- 1. Be an allowable cost under the applicable federal cost principle;
- 2. Be necessary and reasonable for the efficient accomplishment of project or program objectives;
- 3. Be verifiable within the Grantee's (or subgrantee's) records;
- 4. Be documented, including methods and sources, in the approved budget (applies only to cost reimbursement contracts);
- 5. Not be included as contributions toward any other federally-assisted project or program (match can count only once);
- 6. Not be paid by the federal government under another award, except where authorized by federal statute to be used for cost sharing or match;
- 7. Conform to other provisions of governing circulars/statutes/regulations as applicable for the Contract;
- 8. Be adequately documented;
- 9. Follow procedures for generally accepted accounting practices as well as meet audit

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requirements; and

- 10. Value the in-kind contributions reported and be supported by documentation reflecting the use of goods and/or services during the Contract term.
- **F.** In the event of a local, state, or federal emergency, the Grantee has the authority to utilize approximately five percent (5%) of the Grantee's staff's time supporting this Contract for response efforts. System Agency will reimburse Grantee up to five percent of this Contract funded by the CDC for personnel costs responding to an emergency event. Grantee will maintain records to document the time spent on response efforts for auditing purposes. Allowable activities also include participation in drills and exercises in the pre-event time period. Grantee will notify the Assigned Contract Manager in writing when this provision is implemented.
- **G.** In the event of a public health emergency involving a portion of the state, mobilize and dispatch staff or equipment purchased with funds from previous PHEP cooperative agreements, and not currently performing critical duties in the jurisdiction served, to the affected area of the state upon receipt of a written request from System Agency.
- **H.** Coordinate activities and response plans within the jurisdiction with the state, regional, and other local jurisdictions, among local agencies, and with hospitals and major health care entities, jurisdictional Metropolitan Medical Response Systems, and Councils of Government.
- I. Inform System Agency in writing if Grantee will not continue performance under this Contract within thirty (30) days of receipt of an amended standard(s) or guideline(s). System Agency may terminate this Contract immediately or within a reasonable period of time as determined by System Agency.
- **J.** Develop, implement, and maintain a timekeeping system for accurately documenting staff time and salary expenditures for all staff funded through this Contract, including partial full-time employees and temporary staff.
- **K.** Complete and submit programmatic reports as directed by System Agency in a format specified by System Agency and as needed to satisfy information-sharing requirements set forth in Texas Government Code, Sections 421.071 and 421.072 (b) and (c), as amended. Grantee will provide System Agency other reports, including financial reports, that System Agency determines necessary to accomplish the objectives of this Contract and to monitor compliance.
- L. Submit the work plan and vulnerable populations plan that encompass the Contract term to the System Agency via the Department of State Health Services ("DSHS") Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response ("CHEPR") External SharePoint site within an established timeframe designated by the Contractual Requirements Schedule.

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- **M.** Conduct, or participate in, an annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop ("TEPW") with all applicable agencies in accordance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program ("HSEEP") guidelines to develop a strategy and structure for a Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan ("MYTEP"). Prepare, maintain, and, upon request, submit a copy of the TEPW agenda and participant roster as documentation of TEPW attendance.
- **N.** Submit a current MYTEP to the System Agency via the DSHS CHEPR External SharePoint site within an established timeframe designated by the Contractual Requirements Schedule, using the template provided by System Agency.
- **O.** Conduct, or participate in, at least one annual Preparedness Exercise consistent with their MYTEP. Submit a Notification of Exercise ("NOE") form to the System Agency no later than 60 calendar days prior to the start of the exercise via the DSHS CHEPR External SharePoint site.
- **P.** Submit at least one After Action Review/Improvement Plan ("AAR/IP"). All AAR/IPs must be submitted to the System Agency via the DSHS CHEPR External SharePoint site within 60 calendar days, or 90 calendar days for Real World Incident ("RWI"), of the completion of the exercise/response to the System Agency Exercise Team within an established timeframe designated by the Contractual Requirements Schedule. AAR/IPs must be completed in accordance with Notification and Reporting of Exercise Grant.
- **Q.** Complete and submit the current Operational Readiness Review ("ORR") Evidence Form and provide supporting documentation to the System Agency via the DSHS CHEPR External SharePoint site by April 1, 2021. Documentation is required within an established timeframe designated by the Contractual Requirements Schedule.
- **R.** Provide updated Transportation Spreadsheet for submission to the DSHS CHEPR External SharePoint site by April 1, 2021.
- **S.** Perform and submit metrics (data collection sheets) on each of the three Strategic National Stockpile ("SNS") operation drills to the DSHS CHEPR External SharePoint site by April 1, 2021. Acceptable drills include:
  - 1. Staff Call Down;
  - 2. Facility Set-Up; and
  - 3. Site Activation.
- **T.** Submit the Mid-Year Report to the System Agency via the DSHS CHEPR External SharePoint site within an established timeframe designated by the Contractual Requirements Schedule.

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- U. Submit the End-of-Year Performance Report to the System Agency via the DSHS CHEPR External SharePoint site within an established timeframe designated by the Contractual Requirements Schedule.
- V. Designate a member of the PHEP program to attend, in person, two PHEP quarterly meetings during the Contract term. If the designee is unable to attend any of the meetings in person, the Grantee must notify System Agency in writing of the reason for noncompliance.
- **W.** Designate a member of the PHEP program to attend, in person, four regional healthcare coalition meetings during the Contract term. Submit sign-in sheets from meetings as evidence of attendance, within an established timeframe designated by the Contractual Requirements Schedule.
- X. Upon request, submit a current Texas Preparedness and Evaluation Process ("TxPEP") report to System Agency within an established timeframe designated by System Agency, using the template provided by System Agency.
- **Y.** Immediately notify System Agency in writing if Grantee is legally prohibited from providing any report under this Contract.
- Z. Have plans, processes, and training in place to meet NIMS compliance requirements.
- AA. When using volunteers during the Contract term, the Grantee must designate a Texas Disaster Volunteer Registry ("TDVR") State Emergency System for the Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals ("ESAR-VHP") System Administrator, participate in required administrator trainings, and utilize the system to identify volunteers.
- **BB.** Grantee may not use funds for research, clinical care, fund-raising activities or lobbying, construction or major renovations, reimbursement of pre-award costs, to supplant existing state or federal funds for activities, payment or reimbursement of backfilling costs for staff, purchase of vehicles of any kind, uniforms or furniture, or funding an award to another party or provider who is ineligible.
- **CC.** None of the funds made available under this agreement may be used to promote or advocate the legalization or practice of prostitution or sex trafficking. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to preclude the provision to individuals of palliative care, treatment, or post-exposure pharmaceutical prophylaxis, and necessary pharmaceuticals and commodities, including test kits, condoms, and, when proven effective, microbicides.
- DD. Cooperate with System Agency to coordinate all planning, training and exercises

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performed under this Contract with the Texas Division of Emergency Management ("TDEM"), or other points of contact at the discretion of the Division for Regional and Local Health Operations, to ensure consistency and coordination of requirements at the local level and eliminate duplication of effort between the various domestic preparedness funding sources in the state.

- **EE.** Coordinate all risk communication activities with the System Agency Communications Unit by using System Agency's core messages posted on the System Agency website and submitting copies of draft risk communication materials to System Agency for coordination prior to dissemination.
- **FF.** Initiate the purchase of all equipment approved in writing by the System Agency in the first quarter of the Contract term, as applicable. Failure to timely initiate the purchase of equipment may result in the loss of availability of funds for the purchase of equipment. Requests to purchase previously approved equipment after the first quarter in the Contract must be submitted to the assigned System Agency contract manager.
- **GG.** Maintain an inventory of equipment, supplies defined as Controlled Assets, and real property. Grantee shall submit an annual cumulative report of the equipment and other property on HHS System Agency Grantee's Property Inventory Report to the assigned System Agency contract manager by email not later than October 15 of each year. Controlled Assets include firearms, regardless of the acquisition cost, and the following assets with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more, but less than \$5,000: desktop and laptop computers (including notebooks, tablets and similar devices), non-portable printers and copiers, emergency management equipment, communication devices and systems, medical and laboratory equipment, and media equipment. Controlled Assets are considered Supplies.
- **HH.** Not use System Agency funds to purchase buildings or real property without prior written approval from the System Agency. Any costs related to the initial acquisition of the buildings or real property are not allowable without written pre-approval.
- **II.** At the expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason, title to any remaining equipment and supplies purchased with funds under this Contract reverts to System Agency. Title may be transferred to any other party designated by System Agency. The System Agency may, at its option and to the extent allowed by law, transfer the reversionary interest to such property to Grantee.
- **JJ.** Comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, as amended, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Public Law 109-417, Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act ("PAHPAI");

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- 2. Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 81; and
- 3. Section 319C-1 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (47 USC § 247d-3a), as amended.
- **KK.** Comply with all applicable regulations, standards and guidelines in effect on the beginning date of the term of this Contract.
- LL. Submit other reports as required by System Agency. The initial reporting schedule for the requirements is subject to change as System Agency and CDC may modify requirements and due dates.
- **MM.** Work with the Regional Health Care Coalition to develop comprehensive preparedness strategies. Plans will be submitted to System Agency by the Health Care Coalition.

#### II. <u>PERFORMANCE MEASURES</u>

- **A.** The System Agency will monitor the Grantee's performance of the requirements in Attachment A.5 and compliance with the Contract's terms and conditions.
- **B.** Grantee will meet and report Performance Measures based on requirements that are developed in coordination with System Agency for the Grantee's project as provided in Section I. Grantee must also demonstrate adherence to PHEP reporting deadlines and the capability to receive, stage, store, distribute, and dispense materiel during a public health emergency. Failure to meet these requirements may result in withholding a portion of the current fiscal year PHEP base award.
- C. System Agency will send a Contractual Requirements Schedule for reporting these Performance Measures within thirty (30) days of the Contract start date.

#### III. INVOICE AND PAYMENT

A. Grantee will request payment using the State of Texas Purchase Voucher (Form B-13) monthly and acceptable supporting documentation for reimbursement of the required services/deliverables. The Grantee will submit the Financial Status Report (FSR-269A). Additionally, the Grantee will submit the Match Certification Form (B-13A), at the end of the fourth quarter. Vouchers, supporting documentation, Financial Status Reports, and Match Certification Forms should be mailed or emailed to the addresses below.

Department of State Health Services Claims Processing Unit, MC 1940 1100 West 49th Street

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P.O. Box 149347 Austin, TX 78714-9347 FAX: (512) 458-7442 EMAIL: <u>invoices@dshs.texas.gov</u> & <u>CMSInvoices@dshs.texas.gov</u>

B-13s and supporting documentation should be sent to: <u>invoices@dshs.texas.gov</u> & <u>CMSInvoices@dshs.texas.gov</u>.

FSRs should be sent to: <u>FSRGrants@dshs.texas.gov</u> & <u>CMSInvoices@dshs.texas.gov</u>.

- B. Grantee will be reimbursed on a monthly basis and in accordance with Attachment B, Budget.
- C. System Agency reserves the right, where allowed by legal authority, to redirect funds in the event of financial shortfalls. System Agency will monitor Grantee's expenditures on a quarterly basis. If expenditures are below that projected in Grantee's total Contract amount, Grantee's budget may be subject to a decrease for the remainder of the Contract term. Vacant positions existing after ninety (90) days may result in a decrease in funds.
- **D.** Grantee may request a one-time working capital advance not to exceed twelve percent (12%) of the total amount of the Contract funded by System Agency. All advances must be expended by the end of the Contract term. Advances not expended by the end of the Contract term must be refunded to System Agency. Grantee will repay all or part of advance funds at any time during the Contract's term. However, if the advance has not been repaid prior to the last three months of the Contract term, the Grantee must deduct at least one-third of the remaining advance from each of the last three months' reimbursement requests. If the advance is not repaid prior to the last three months of the Contract term, System Agency will reduce the reimbursement request by one-third of the remaining balance of the advance.