



Scott County Health Department

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To: Mary Thee, Human Resources Director
From: Amy Thoreson, Health Director

RE: Additional of 1 FTE of Health Department Grant Funded Position

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has received federal funding to support additional work in the area of HIV and other related disease intervention activities as cases of HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia continue to increase across the state of Iowa, including Scott County. The Scott County Health Department (SCHD), in addition to Iowa's four other largest local health departments, is being offered financial support to increase capacity in the form of a full-time staff member dedicated to partner services and other related disease intervention activities for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

The initial project period will be August 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. IDPH anticipates funding for this position will continue for a contract period of 5 years, from August 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025.

In response to this offer of funding for our work to support sexual transmitted infections in Scott County, we are requesting to add a position to the department's table of organization. A DIS job description exists and was part of the salary study efforts and job description updates in 2019. This job description will be reviewed and it is anticipated that only minor changes will be necessary. The Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) position would be full-time and benefit eligible. We anticipate the salary, benefit, and overtime cost for the initial 5-month project period to be \$39,377. A full year of salary, benefits, and overtime for the position is anticipated to cost \$94,471. Funding from IDPH would also cover travel for trainings, supplies, interpretation/translation needs, disease investigation software, mileage, and transportation for clients needing support. We understand that maintaining this position is dependent on continued funding from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

The initial 5-month project period of this position will be dedicated to learning the priorities, guidelines, and protocols established by IDPH's Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis. In addition, the DIS will work with department clinic staff to integrate the DIS position and services into the department's sexual health program. The DIS position will enhance the department's ability to provide partner services, including risk reduction counseling and education, linkage to medical care, and identification of and ensuring testing and treatment for identified partners.



Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 8833 or Lori Steiner at extension 8826.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 5, 2021

APPROVAL OF CLASSIFICATION AND STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the table of organization for the Health Department be increased by 1.0 FTE to reflect the addition of the Disease Intervention Specialist position.

Section 2. It is understood that if grant funding is not available this position will be eliminated.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.