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Tulsa County allocates \$500,000 to Health Department for additional COVID testing

Tulsa County Commissioners approved \$500,000 on Monday to support COVID testing for the uninsured population through December.

The funding was provided through the County's American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding and is an extension of the nearly \$4,000,000 in direct support the Health Department received through the County's CARES funding in 2020. That funding was used to enhance testing and contact tracing capabilities, develop public health outreach, support additional staffing needs and salaries and the hiring of interpreters, facility usage fees for drive-thru testing and more.

"We are proud of the strong, continued partnership we have with the Health Department," said Tulsa County Commission Chairman Stan Sallee. "As we continue to navigate the pandemic and the impacts the Delta variant is having on our community, we will continue to evaluate additional requests for funding and are committed to helping the Health Department successfully mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

Tulsa County received the first of two ARP annual funding installments May 25. In total, Tulsa County will receive \$126.5 million through 2022.

Tulsa County established five priorities for ARP funding:

- Respond to COVID-19;
- Support economic recovery and development;
- Generate equity in underserved populations and communities;
- Build infrastructure, and
- Replace lost revenue.

To date, Tulsa County has approved \$14.2 million, or 11%.

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