



**RE: Letter of Intent for COVID-19 Testing**

The Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation is requesting financial support from the Nueces County Hospital District to continue to be a public access point for COVID-19 testing. CBWF proposes to continue the service for 12-months. CBWF started community testing on May 4<sup>th</sup>, with a \$20,000 award from the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund. To date, CBWF has provided a total 499 tests, including testing at Dismiss halfway house and the Good Samaritan Shelter.

Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation proposes to hire one full-time staff, as a COVID-19 Outreach Specialist, to provide community testing. Testing would be by appointment only. The Specialist would make the appointments and conduct testing. Testing would not only occur in-house, but the specialist could arrange to test at various locations, based on need, availability, and suitability. The specialist will provide results to testing clients.

Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation contracts with Clinical Pathology Laboratories, who provides testing kits and completes the diagnostic labs. The specialist can provide the nasopharyngeal swab (SARS-COV-2 BY RT-PCR) or serum test (SARS-CoV-2 Total Antibody). Results run between 24-72 hours. The nasal swab cost is \$71 and the serum antibody is \$41.

Attached is a proposed budget for 12 months. The number of tests will depend on the availability of funds. If the client has insurance, CPL will bill directly, leaving additional funds for testing of uninsured. CBWF will absorb the costs for PPE and other supplies required.

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