



**Agreement with the
Center for Health Equity in South Texas**

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Item #27

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Background



- In September 2024, City Council authorized funding to support the development of the *Center for Health Equity in South Texas (CHEST)* to address health disparities in communities that face public health and economic challenges.
- *CHEST* promotes health equity in medically underserved areas of the Greater Southside, including the near-East and near-West communities of San Antonio.

Background



- Proposed agreement will allow *CHEST* to establish the foundation for the following areas:
 - Increase primary, specialty, hospital and auxiliary health care services.
 - Raise life expectancy via systematic improvements in the essential non-medical drivers of health.
 - Support development of a health careers pipeline.

Contract Deliverables



- Adopt appropriate bylaws and governing structure
- Appoint board members
- Recruit and hire a director (and other positions)
- Initiate broad community awareness campaign
- Obtain additional funding to sustain operations

Fiscal Impact



- Agreement with *CHEST*:
 - Term: October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025
 - Total contract value: \$300,000.00
 - Funding for this agreement is available from the General Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget

Recommendation



- Staff recommends approval.



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Thank You
End of Presentation