

**THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN
AN AMOUNT UP TO \$5,408,333.00 OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD,
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES & SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION (HRSA), FOR THE HEALTHY START
INITIATIVE GRANT FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2024
THROUGH MARCH 31, 2029 AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AND
PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.**

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WHEREAS, since 2001, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) has received funding from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) to operate the San Antonio Healthy Start (SAHS) program; and

WHEREAS, SAHS is one of 101 Healthy Start sites throughout the nation, and one of five sites in Texas; and

WHEREAS, SAHS began as a case management program focusing on increasing early prenatal care and has since expanded to serve 600 women and children through care coordination, health education, linkage to health insurance, fatherhood support services, mental health services, and lactation support services; and

WHEREAS, SAHS seeks to reduce health disparities in infant and maternal mortality, improve poor birth outcomes in Bexar County, and reduce the incidence of maternal and infant morbidity, mortality, prematurity, and low birth weight births among African-American and Hispanic populations experiencing these disparities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Center for Health Statistics Birth & Death Database, there were 432 infant deaths from 2019 to 2021 in Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, SAHS targets a project area within Bexar County with the highest three-year Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) that is at least 1.5 times higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, the targeted zip codes make up 12.4% of Bexar County and a combined rate of 8.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, resulting in a total of 142 infant deaths within the target area; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2023, Metro Health submitted an application to HRSA for a new five-year competitive grant cycle for the Healthy Start Initiative in support of SAHS; and

WHEREAS, funding will support a total of 11 full-time positions, the continued operations of the SAHS program, and provide ongoing services for up to 250 pregnant women, up to 175 women in the inter-conception period between pregnancies and their children, 25 fathers or partners, and up to 250 community members annually; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is hereby authorized to accept grant funds in the amount up to \$5,408,333.00 over a five-year period from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Healthy Start Initiative grant for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) for a term beginning May 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029. A copy of said application is on file with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is further authorized to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and a grant contract to effectuate the acceptance of the grant referenced in Section 1 of this ordinance and to execute contract amendments pertaining to this contract to include a) carry-over funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) line item budget revisions authorized by the funding agency; c) modifications to the performance measures authorized by the funding agency and listed in the contract so long as the terms of the amendment stay within the general parameters of the intent of the grant; d) no cost extensions; e) amendments which will provide supplemental grant funds to the grant by the funding agency in an amount up to 20% of the total amount initially awarded to the grant; f) reimbursement increases of administrative funds for each participant served; g) amendments funding one time equipment purchases or defined program services; and h) changes in regulations mandated by the funding agency.

SECTION 3. Upon acceptance of the award, new funds and internal order numbers will be created for the grant funds in an amount up to \$5,408,333.00 from the HHS to be appropriated in said fund. A formal final budget which will include a department specific fund, an Internal Order number, and General Ledger numbers will be submitted by the department upon award. The proposed budget, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**, is approved and adopted for entry in the City books.

SECTION 4. The proposed personnel complement of eleven (11) positions, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**, is hereby approved.

SECTION 5. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of May 2024.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney