

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

**ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY IN SOUTH TEXAS (CHEST) TO PROVIDE SEED FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHEST TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$300,000.00 FOR THE TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.**

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**WHEREAS**, to address health disparities, particularly in communities already facing public health and economic challenges, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) supports the establishment of the Center for Health Equity in South Texas (CHEST) a Texas nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to educational and scientific purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, CHEST's mission is to promote health equity in medically underserved areas of San Antonio's Greater Southside, including the near-East and near-West communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization focuses on three key objectives: expanding access to primary care, specialty care, hospital, and auxiliary health services; increasing life expectancy through systematic improvements in essential, non-medical drivers of health; and fostering the development of a health careers pipeline by supporting local residents in professional, medical and allied health educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio City Council has allocated seed funding to support the development of CHEST with the goal of creating an action plan to reduce health disparities and improve access to healthcare on the Greater Southside, including the near-East and near-West communities of San Antonio; **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 authorized to execute an agreement with the Center for Health Equity in South Texas (CHEST) to provide seed funding to support the development of CHEST to address health disparities in an amount up to \$300,000.00 for the term beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. A copy of the agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I.**

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is further authorized to execute an amendment in the following circumstance: no cost modifications to the Scope of Work so long as the terms of the amendment are reasonably within the parameters set forth in the original Scope of Work.

**SECTION 3.** Funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 3615010002 General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

**SECTION 4.** Payment is authorized to the CHEST and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

**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 Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers 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 February 2025.**

**M A Y O R**  
Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney