

**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 CONTRACTS WITH EMPOWER HOUSE SA, LATCHED SUPPORT, INC., SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION AND YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SAN ANTONIO FOR SERVICES TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY CAPACITY-BUILDING, HEALTHCARE NAVIGATION, AND REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTHCARE, AS PART OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT'S ACCESS TO CARE SECTION IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000 FOR TERMS BEGINNING UPON EXECUTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2025.**

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**WHEREAS**, in September 2023, the San Antonio City Council voted to allocate \$500,000 for a Reproductive Justice initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, "Reproductive Justice" is a term coined by the National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda and encompasses the right to have children, the right to not have children and the right to nurture children in a safe and healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) sought proposals from respondents addressing upstream, midstream and downstream causes of the following reproductive health gaps in San Antonio:

- Access to Contraception: One (1) in two (2) U.S. residents at less than 250% of Federal Poverty Level cannot access their contraceptive method of choice (Healthy People 2030, 2015 data).
- Access to Prenatal Care: One (1) in four (4) pregnancies in Bexar County began prenatal care after the first trimester (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2022 data).
- Screening and Care for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs): One (1) in five (5) U.S. residents on any given day has an STI (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2018 data).
- Access to Abortion: One (1) in eight (8) U.S. pregnancies ended in abortion before Dobbs decision (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2019 data). Texas reported 52,495 abortions in 2021, compared to 52 from January to October 2023 (Texas Department of State Health Services); and

**WHEREAS**, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for "Reproductive Justice Fund –

Reproductive Health Care” (RFP 24-121, 6100018116) on June 24, 2024, with a submission deadline of August 2, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a total of ten proposals were received and all ten proposals were deemed eligible for review; and

**WHEREAS**, individual scores were submitted, and aggregate scores were presented. After a recommendation for award was agreed upon by the evaluation committee, final scores, inclusive of preference programs, were revealed; and

**WHEREAS**, Empower House SA, Latched Support, Inc, San Antonio AIDS Foundation and Young Women’s Christian Association of San Antonio, the highest-ranking firms, were recommended for award by the evaluation committee; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council was presented with a pre-solicitation briefing at B Session on June 18, 2024 prior to the solicitation being released; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, a post-solicitation briefing was presented to City Council at B Session on October 16, 2024 with staff’s recommendation for Council award; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contracts will begin upon execution through November 30, 2025 with no renewal options; **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 contracts with the Empower House SA, Latched Support, Inc., San Antonio AIDS Foundation and Young Women’s Christian Association of San Antonio for services to promote community capacity-building, healthcare navigation, and reproductive and sexual healthcare, as part of the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District’s Access to Care section in a cumulative amount up to \$500,000 for terms beginning upon execution through November 30, 2025. A copy of the contracts are attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachments I-IV**.

**SECTION 2.** Funding in the amount of \$163,829.24 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 3615010011 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

**SECTION 3.** Payment is authorized to Empower House SA and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

**SECTION 4.** Funding in the amount of \$99,350.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 3615010011 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

**SECTION 5.** Payment is authorized to Latched Support, Inc. and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

**SECTION 6.** Funding in the amount of \$180,000.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 3615010011 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

**SECTION 7.** Payment is authorized to San Antonio AIDS Foundation and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

**SECTION 8.** Funding in the amount of \$56,000.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 3615010011 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

**SECTION 9.** Payment is authorized to Young Women’s Christian Association of San Antonio and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

**SECTION 10.** 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 11.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of November 2024.**

**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

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