

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

ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING AN EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT FOR
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE HEALTH CARE TO SUPPORT
DOWNSTREAM REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTHCARE
SERVICES WHICH MAY INCLUDE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL.**

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WHEREAS, the City issued an initial Request for Proposal (RFP) on June 24, 2024, for the selection of multiple community-based organizations to promote Reproductive Justice through community capacity-building, health care navigation and reproductive and sexual healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, through the RFP, the City sought contracts to bolster “upstream” and “midstream” drivers of reproductive health through education, trainings, collaborations and outreach, as well as provide free “downstream” culturally and linguistically appropriate direct services to residents in geographic scarcity areas and/or to populations most in need in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, in public health, the term “upstream” refers to policy approaches that have potential to affect large populations, compared to “downstream,” individual needs and “Midstream” approaches fall somewhere in between; and

WHEREAS, On November 21, 2024, City Council authorized agreements with four agencies in response to the RFP and through the agreements, contractors provide doula training, high school education on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), STI testing, contraception including long-acting reversible contraception, workshops on healthy pregnancies and sexual and reproductive health, and wraparound prenatal care services including doula, acupuncture and mental health services for a combined value of \$499,179.24; and

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2025, the Community Health Committee was briefed on a request for a new Reproductive Justice Fund solicitation to provide an additional \$100,000.00 to fund downstream services that could include travel out of State; and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Committee ultimately voted to forward this request to a future A Session for City Council consideration; and

WHEREAS, to gauge interest in a new solicitation to provide downstream services, the original 10 proposers were invited to a virtual meeting held March 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, an Interest Form was sent to all 10 original proposers asking whether they would be interested in pursuing a new funding opportunity specific to downstream services for Reproductive Justice; and

WHEREAS, questions posed on the Interest Form were whether the organizations would have interest in pursuing an additional funding opportunity for downstream services, and whether they would have interest in pursuing an additional funding opportunity specific to out of State travel for abortion-related care; and

WHEREAS, all 10 firms responded with nine of the 10 indicating interest in an additional funding opportunity for downstream services; and

WHEREAS, three firms indicated interest in an additional funding opportunity limited to out of State travel with one additional firm indicating interest if the City were to provide legal protection for the organization; and

WHEREAS, Metro Health requests City Council provide direction on whether to proceed with an expedited procurement for an additional \$100,000.00 to support downstream services for reproductive health care which may include out of State travel; and

WHEREAS, the proposed additional services would supplement the four contracts worth \$499,179.24 awarded by City Council on November 21, 2024; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. A Reproductive Justice Fund expedited procurement for downstream services to support reproductive and sexual healthcare services which may include out of State travel is hereby authorized. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the solicitation referenced in this ordinance.

SECTION. 2 The \$100,000 to support the expedited Reproductive Justice Fund solicitation to fund downstream services are available in Metro Health's FY 2025 General Fund Budget. Staff recommendations of funding reallocations will come back to Council for consideration at the time of award.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 April 2025.

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Item No. XXXX

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney