



Agreements for Reproductive Justice Fund – Reproductive Health Care

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Item 27

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Background



- In September 2023, the San Antonio City Council voted to allocate \$500,000 for a Reproductive Justice initiative.
- “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.
- On June 24, 2024, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released for Reproductive Justice Fund – Reproductive Health Care.
 - Cumulative contract value: up to \$500,000
 - Term: beginning upon execution and ending November 30, 2025

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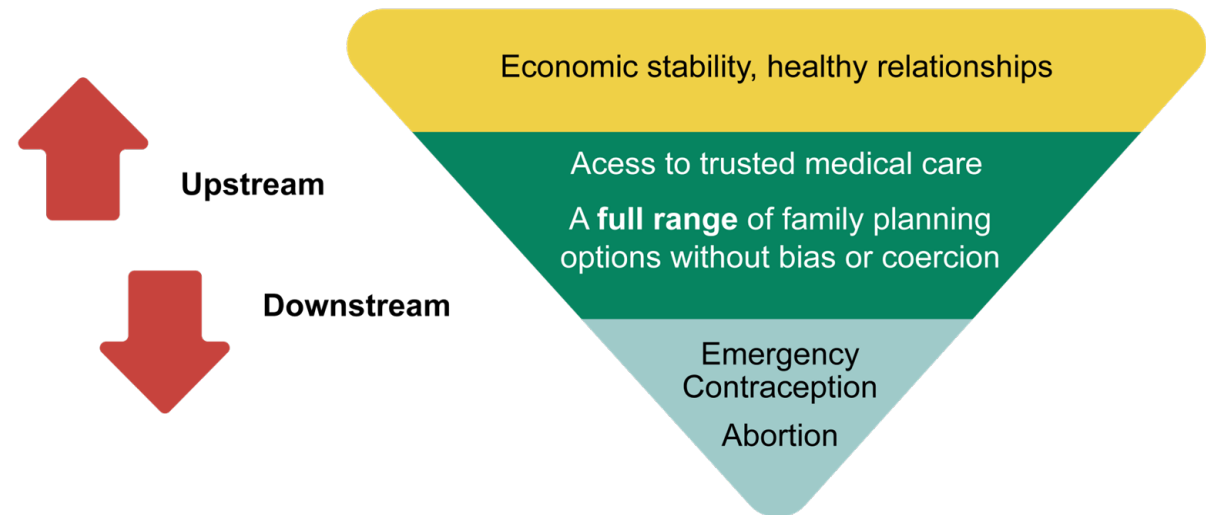


- Metro Health sought proposals addressing the upstream, midstream and downstream causes of the following reproductive health gaps in San Antonio:
 - **Access to Contraception:** One in two U.S. residents at less than 250% of poverty level cannot access their contraceptive of choice (*Healthy People 2030, 2015 data*).
 - **Access to Prenatal Care:** One in four 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 in five U.S. residents has an STI (*Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2018 data*).
 - **Access to Abortion:** One in eight U.S. pregnancies ended in abortion before Dobbs (*Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2019 data*). Texas reported 52,495 abortions in 2021, compared to 62 in-state abortions in 2023 (*Texas Department of State Health Services*).

Council Timeline



- **April 10** – City Council B Session
Public health framework and proposed allocation: 30% / 50% / 20% (upstream / midstream / downstream)
- **June 18** – City Council Special Session: Pre-Solicitation High Profile Briefing
Revised allocation: 10% / 50% / 40%
- **October 16** – City Council B Session: Post-Solicitation High Profile Briefing



RFP Award



6% Upstream (\$30,550)

35% Midstream (\$174,170)

59% Downstream (\$295,279)

RFP Allocation: Upstream



Activities	Target	Awarded
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shared messaging on how and where to access low-cost healthcare, legal rights of pregnant and breastfeeding workers, healthy relationship resources<ul style="list-style-type: none">Included in reproductive health workshops for 255 people	<p>\$50,000</p> <p>10%</p>	<p>\$30,550</p> <p>6%</p>

- Empower House SA - \$15,550
- Young Women's Christian Association of San Antonio - \$15,000

RFP Allocation: Midstream



Activities	Target	Awarded
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free contraception, including long-acting methods; navigation into early prenatal care and STI care• Evidence-based STI education curriculum for 5,000 high school students• 30 trained doulas	<p>\$250,000</p> <p>50%</p>	<p>\$173,350</p> <p>35%</p>

- Latched Support Inc.: \$99,350
- Young Women's Christian Association of San Antonio: \$41,000
- San Antonio AIDS Foundation: \$33,000

RFP Allocation: Downstream



Activities	Target	Awarded
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wraparound prenatal support for 100 people: doulas, mental health care, acupuncture, midwife visits, navigation to benefits, utility and rent assistance• Healthy Pregnancy classes for 30 people• STI testing for 800 people	<p>\$200,000</p> <p>40%</p>	<p>\$295,279</p> <p>59%</p>

- Empower House SA: \$148,279.24
- San Antonio AIDS Foundation: \$147,000

Total Allocation per Agreement



- San Antonio AIDS Foundation: \$180,000
- Empower House SA: \$163,829.24
- Latched Support Inc.: \$99,350
- Young Women's Christian Association of San Antonio: \$56,000

Fiscal Impact



- Agreements with Empower House SA, Latched Support, Inc., San Antonio AIDS Foundation and Young Women's Christian Association of San Antonio
 - Term: Upon execution through November 30, 2025
 - Cumulative Contract Value: \$499,179.24
 - Funding for these agreements is available from the General Fund

Recommendation



- Staff recommends approval.



Thank You
End of Presentation