



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Accepting additional funds from the CDC Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program Grant

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of additional funds in an amount up to \$636,185.00 for a total amount up to \$3,729,636.00 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Grant Services (OGS), for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program, and authorizes a revised program budget and existing personnel complement from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash match.

Furthermore, this ordinance authorizes the Director of the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and a grant contract to effectuate the acceptance of the referenced grant, 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 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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Metro Health has received funding from the CDC to administer the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program for over 20 years. The program works to reduce illnesses by maximizing the number of children immunized against vaccine preventable diseases, such as measles, rubella, mumps, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, Haemophilus influenza type b, varicella, pneumonia, hepatitis A & B, rotavirus, human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza, and meningitis. The program has two components: the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and the 317 Immunization Program (Section 317 Program).

On June 13, 2024, City Council authorized approval of Metro Health's Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program for FY 2025 through ordinance 2024-06-13-0447. Metro Health anticipated receiving funds in the amount of \$3,093,451.00 for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program grant contract. Metro Health now requests City Council authorize the acceptance of additional funds awarded in an amount up to \$636,185.00 for a total amount up to \$3,729,636.00 from the CDC. These funds will support the continuation of the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program, as well as an existing personnel complement of 30 full-time positions for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

ISSUE:

Metro Health has received funding to support public health immunization programming and vaccine delivery in Bexar County from the CDC for over 20 years. The immunization of children to prevent illnesses like pertussis, measles, rubella, mumps, and other vaccine preventable diseases, continues to be an important public health strategy.

Metro Health requests City Council authorize the acceptance of additional funds from the CDC in an amount up to \$636,185.00 for an amount up to \$3,729,636.00 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Funding will support program implementation and an existing personnel complement of 30 full-time positions.

This ordinance will allow Metro Health to continue the important work of providing enhanced education, outreach, technical support, immunizations, disease surveillance, adult/adolescent health activities, immunization registry activities and vaccine distribution services.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will forego acceptance of the additional funding for the provision of immunization services to San Antonio residents, particularly children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of additional funds in an amount up to \$636,185.00 for a total amount up to \$3,729,636.00 from the CDC for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and a revised program budget and existing personnel complement of 30 full-time positions.

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.