



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Annual State of Texas Grant Funding for FY 2026

SUMMARY:

This ordinance will authorize the acceptance of funds upon award, from 19 grant renewal applications, in an amount up to \$14,347,660.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for public health functions of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) for a period beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. Metro Health's participation in these 19 state grant programs serve a legitimate public purpose in that this funding will promote and provide needed public health functions throughout the community.

This action also authorizes the finalization of programmatic budgets, incidental expenditures for grant program participants, and a personnel complement of 148 grant funded, full-time positions for the maintenance and delivery of essential public health services within Metro Health as reflected in Attachment I. Temporary support is included in the current budget and will be redirected to personnel if approved by the grantor. In addition, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Metro Health to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and grant contracts to effectuate the application and acceptance of the referenced grants, and to execute contract amendments pertaining to these contracts, 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 contracts 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 a grant by the funding agency in an amount up to 20% of the total amount initially 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 state regulations mandated by the funding agency.

Furthermore, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Metro Health to execute Memoranda of Agreement, to include Data Use Agreements and Business Associate Agreements, that enhance program services with no exchange of funds associated with these grant-funded projects.

The ordinance also authorizes the execution of an agreement with DSHS for a wastewater monitoring program at no cost to assess emerging or endemic microorganisms that cause disease.

Finally, this ordinance will authorize the execution of an agreement with Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) in an amount up to \$7,500.00 for a term beginning January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for 4, 1-year terms, for a total amount up to \$37,500.00, inclusive of renewals. Funding is available from the FY 2025 DSHS Public Health Emergency Preparedness Bioterrorism Preparedness grant. Funding for future years is contingent upon availability of grant funds.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As the public health authority for San Antonio and unincorporated areas of Bexar County, Metro Health actively addresses the public health functions of policy development, health assessment, and health assurance. To carry out these responsibilities, Metro Health operates evidenced based programs in various settings throughout the County. These 19 DSHS grant awards support 148 grant-funded, full-time positions, which will account for 23% of the total number of Metro Health staff (654 positions) as adopted through the City's annual budget for FY 2025. Metro Health provides services to residents at public health settings located throughout San Antonio and Bexar County. With state grant support, Metro Health provides preventive health services, community education, limited clinical services to prevent communicable diseases, emergency preparedness, disease control, supplemental nutrition programs, and oral health services.

Metro Health receives approximately 14% of its total budget support through these 19 contract and grant awards from the State of Texas in both direct funding and federal pass-through funding. Since 2007, this support has been authorized by City Council through a block submission of state grant applications and renewals, most recently on February 22, 2024 (Ordinance 2024-02-22-0134), as well as individual actions. This ordinance will authorize Metro Health to request an amount up to \$14,347,660.00 in funding from the State.

Service delivery and personnel complement needs are anticipated to remain consistent with the adopted DSHS FY 2025 budgets for the following State and Federal pass-through grants:

- Local Immunizations

- Federal STD
- HIV Surveillance
- Federal TB
- State TB
- Surveillance Epidemiology
- State Milk Sample Lab Testing Program
- State Flu Surveillance
- State Healthy Texas Babies
- WIC
- Regional and Local Services System / Local Public Health Services (Triple O)
- Title V Dental
- EXHALE (asthma education)
- Diabetes Prevention and Control
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Bioterrorism Preparedness
- PHEP Cities Readiness Initiative
- PHEP Lab
- Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce Development
- Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)

This action will authorize a total of 148 grant positions. Temporary support is included in the current budget and will be redirected to personnel if approved by the grantor. A list of the grantors, grant amounts and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers is attached as Table 1.

The application amount authorized by this ordinance represents a \$1,339,637.00 increase over the current State and Federal pass-through FY 2025 funding. The increase in funding is largely due to the continuation of the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant and additional funding for the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition grant. Final amounts will be determined by State Agencies and may result in higher or lower amounts.

Additionally, Metro Health requests approval to execute an agreement with the Texas Department of State Health Services for a wastewater monitoring program at no cost to assess emerging or endemic microorganisms that cause disease.

Occasionally, Metro Health requests City Council authorize agreements with agencies for the provision of services relating to Metro Health programs and projects. Many times, these agreements do not include the exchange of funds between the City and these agencies; however, the execution of these agreements does require City Council action. Metro Health requests authorization for the Director of Metro Health to execute MOAs, to include Data Use Agreements and Business Associate Agreements, with no exchange of funds that enhance programs or services associated with these grant-funded programs.

Furthermore, Metro Health seeks authorization for the execution of an agreement with STRAC for the purchase of a multiagency license for the EverBridge Software Notification System and other public health and medical emergency preparedness activities, in an amount up to \$7,500.00 for a

term beginning January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for 4, 1-year terms, for a total amount up to \$37,500.00, inclusive of renewals.

ISSUE:

Historically, the State of Texas has provided funding to the City of San Antonio for service delivery in health and disease prevention. Currently, this includes 19 program grants and contracts through the Texas Department of State Health Services.

State and federal funding opportunities are often presented in a time-sensitive manner, requiring the ability to initiate and execute grant submissions, amendments and subsequent awards within prescribed time constraints. Approval of this ordinance allows for a proactive and efficient process for the timely submission and execution of state/federal funding requests. This comprehensive approach maximizes Metro Health, City administration, and City Council resources; expedites the annual support process; coordinates Metro Health's annual funding processes; and provides City Council with a concise illustration of grant support and Metro Health programs.

Acceptance of funds from the State of Texas continues the long-standing practice of utilizing grant funds to support some of the local public health programs of the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

Approval of this ordinance will facilitate the efficient acceptance of ongoing grants from the State of Texas and leads to seamless continuity of Metro Health services.

Alternatively, each of the 19 grants and the contracts could be submitted separately to City Council for approval. This would require individual Council consideration, action, time and processing, causing potential delays in funding, resources and service delivery. Alleviating inefficient processing delays allows personnel and City resources to be utilized proactively, effectively and efficiently to advance the public health efforts of the Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Texas Department of State Health Service (DSHS) in an amount up to \$14,347,660.00 in funding and authorizes acceptance of any prior year carry-forward support, as allowed by the funding agency.

The 19 grant awards will support 148 grant-funded, full-time positions. The City will provide an estimated \$337,684.00 of in-kind services from the General Fund to these grants. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash match.

This ordinance also authorizes the execution of an agreement with STRAC for the for the purchase of a multiagency license for the EverBridge Software Notification System and other public health and medical emergency preparedness activities, in an amount up to \$7,500.00 for a term beginning January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for 4, 1-year terms, for a total

amount up to \$37,500.00, inclusive of renewals. Funding is available from the FY 2025 DSHS Public Health Emergency Preparedness Bioterrorism Preparedness grant. Funding for future years is contingent upon availability of grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.