



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Accepting supplemental funds from the CDC Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program in an amount up to \$2,752,559.00 from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of supplemental funds upon award in an amount up to \$2,752,559.00, for a total amount up to \$5,720,726.00, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Grant Services (OGS), for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program, and approves a revised program budget and personnel complement of 30 full-time positions from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. There is no impact to the General Fund in the form of a cash match.

Furthermore, this ordinance authorizes the Director of the 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:

For over 20 years, Metro Health in collaboration with CDC OGS, has administered an immunization program that 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).

The VFC Program provides vaccines recommended by the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to 142 VFC-enrolled healthcare providers in San Antonio. The program targets children under 18 who meet one of the following criteria: eligible for Medicaid, uninsured, underinsured (i.e., the child's insurance does not cover immunizations), or are American Indian or Alaska Native.

The Section 317 Program provides supplemental vaccines targeted to eligible individuals. It also supports Metro Health's efforts to maintain or improve response activities to public health threats caused by vaccine preventable disease. Additionally, the VFC and Section 317 funds provide support for project personnel and infrastructure.

On May 4, 2023, City Council authorized Ordinance 2023-05-04-0279, which approved the acceptance of funds in the amount up to \$3,632,572.00 for the Immunizations and Vaccines for Children Program from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as well as a program budget and personnel complement of 30 full-time positions. The final awarded amount from the CDC was \$2,968,167.00 as of July 12, 2023, for the period ending June 30, 2024.

In July 2023, Metro Health also received notice of supplemental funding in an amount of \$2,752,559.00 and a six-month extension through December 31, 2024. This supplemental funding increases the total award amount up to \$5,720,726.00 to support the continuation of the Immunizations and Vaccines for Children program, as well as a personnel complement of 30 full-time positions, from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

ISSUE:

As the FY 2023 – FY 2024 grant period will end on June 30, 2024, Metro Health requests City Council authorize the acceptance of supplemental funds upon award from the CDC in the amount up to \$2,752,559.00, for a total amount up to \$5,720,726.00 from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

Funding will support the continuation of the program, Immunizations Information System (IIS),

Vaccine Confidence, and Health & Human Services (HHS) Bridge Access activities.

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

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 the acceptance of supplemental funding, Metro Health will forego utilization of the supplemental funding from the CDC for immunization services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of supplemental funds in an amount up to \$2,752,559.00, for a total amount up to \$5,720,726.00, from the CDC for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

This ordinance also authorizes a revised program budget and a personnel complement of 30 full-time positions. There is no impact on the General Fund in the form of a cash match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.