

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

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) SHELTER AND SERVICES PROGRAM (SSP) IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$3,000,000.00 AND THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$18,798,474.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$21,798,474.00 FOR LOCAL COSTS TO ASSIST MIGRANTS TRAVELING THROUGH SAN ANTONIO IN COORDINATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio and local nonprofit partners have assisted more than 610,000 asylum seekers since January 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Migrant Resource Center/Centro de Bienvenida (MRC) opened in July 2022, in collaboration with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc. to provide humanitarian services for migrants traveling through San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the MRC receives migrants transported from non-profit partners in border cities (Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Laredo, and Brownsville) after they are released from U.S. Customs and Border Protection or Immigrations and Customs Enforcement custody; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio is the nearest major transportation hub to these communities; and

WHEREAS, the MRC provides navigation and case management services; local transportation; food and commodities; phones and internet access to connect with host families; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio maintains a public-facing migrant dashboard to transparently share information with non-profit partners and the public on the number of asylum seeker arrivals along with overnight shelter counts; and

WHEREAS, to date, services provided by the City of San Antonio and local nonprofit partners have been 100% reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Emergency Food and Shelter Board Program and the Shelter and Services Program; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Human Services or designee, is authorized to accept reimbursement funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) Shelter and Services Program (SSP) in an amount up to \$3,000,000.00, and to apply and accept funds upon award in an amount up to \$18,798,474.00, for a total amount up to \$21,798,474.00 for local costs to assist migrants traveling through San Antonio in coordination with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. A copy of the original grant application(s) is, or will be, on file with Department of Human Services.

SECTION 2. The Fiscal Year 2024 Shelter and Services Program – Allocated (SSP-A) and Competitive (SSP-C) Budgets, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**, are hereby approved.

SECTION 3. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) or designee, is further authorized to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents including a grant contract, and contract amendments accepting, when approved by FEMA: a) carryover funds; b) line item budget revisions; c) modifications to the performance measures so long as the terms of the amendment stay within the general parameters of the intent of the grant; d) no cost extensions; e) supplemental grant funds in an amount up to 20% of the total amount initially awarded; f) reimbursement increases of administrative funds for each participant served; g) one time equipment purchases or defined program services; and h) changes in regulations mandated by the funding agency.

SECTION 5. 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 SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day May, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney