

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

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL CORNER STORES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS IN THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE TERM OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR TERMS AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUSTAINABLE FOOD CENTER FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$62,725.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025, WITH OPTIONS TO RENEW FOR THREE, ONE-YEAR TERMS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$268,440.00.

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WHEREAS, the Healthy Neighborhoods Program was established in 2012 to implement childhood obesity prevention initiatives within target neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the program's efforts have been aimed at improving the health of communities of color and reducing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, the program works with community leaders and organizations to improve the health of the community through environmental and policy changes that will help families lead healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Corner Stores Program provides healthy and affordable foods and produce to corner stores across San Antonio to increase community access to healthy foods; and

WHEREAS, through these strategies, a sustainable sales model for affordable produce has emerged in long-standing areas challenged with accessing healthy and affordable food; and

WHEREAS, since 2020, the Healthy Corner Stores Program has grown to maintain agreements with 36 existing stores from prior years; and

WHEREAS, as part of the SA Forward Plan, the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) plans to increase access to healthy foods in prioritized neighborhoods by expanding the Healthy Corner Stores Program to 50 locations by October 2026; and

WHEREAS, by continuing to expand the Healthy Corner Stores Program, Metro Health will improve access to nutritious and affordable foods options across San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, to further support improved access to nutritious and affordable food options, the Healthy Corner Stores Program is partnering with the Sustainable Food Center’s Double Up Food Bucks program; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program on February 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in August 2024, the Sustainable Food Center was awarded a grant from the USDA for their application for the Nutrition Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, this program supports projects intended to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by providing incentives at the point of purchase among income eligible consumers participating in the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in all 50 States; and

WHEREAS, in April 2024, Metro Health began collaborating with the Sustainable Food Center to bring Double Up Food Bucks to the City of San Antonio through the Healthy Corner Store Program; and

WHEREAS, Double Up Food Bucks matches SNAP dollars, dollar for dollar, ensuring that low-income community members can purchase more fresh produce for their dollar; and

WHEREAS, funding will support the expansion of the Double Up Food Bucks program within San Antonio through the Healthy Corner Stores Program network of member stores; and

WHEREAS, through this initiative, a Healthy Neighborhoods staff member will identify, recruit, and provide technical assistance for onboarding the interested stores into the Double Up Food Bucks program and serve as the liaison between the member store and the Sustainable Food Center; and

WHEREAS, as part of Metro Health’s SA Forward Plan, the program will aim for a 10% enrollment of Healthy Corner Stores into the Double Up Food Bucks Program within the first year; and

WHEREAS, Metro Health requests City Council authorize an agreement with and the acceptance of a total of \$268,440.00 from the Sustainable Food Center, and agreements with local corner stores to support the Nutrition Incentive Program, for Metro Health’s Healthy Neighborhoods program; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager or his designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or his designee is authorized to execute Memoranda of Agreements with local corner stores to increase access to healthy foods in the community, for the term October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms. The agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment**

I. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) or designee is authorized to execute an agreement with the Sustainable Food Center for the acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$62,725.00 for a one-year term ending August 31, 2025, with options to renew for three, one-year terms for a total amount up to \$268,440.00. The agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment II**.

SECTION 2. 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 3. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of October 2024.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney