



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 5

**Agenda Date:** April 3, 2025

**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Action for an expedited procurement for Reproductive Justice Health Care Services

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes expedited procurement for Reproductive Justice Health Care to support downstream reproductive and sexual healthcare services which may include out-of-state travel.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City issued an initial Request for Proposals (RFP) on June 24, 2024, for the selection of multiple community-based organizations to promote Reproductive Justice through community capacity-building, health care navigation and reproductive and sexual healthcare services. Through the RFP, the City sought contracts to bolster “upstream” and “midstream” drivers of reproductive health through education, trainings, collaborations and outreach, as well as provide free “downstream” culturally and linguistically appropriate direct services to residents in geographic scarcity areas and/or to populations most in need in San Antonio. In public health, the term “upstream” refers to policy approaches that have potential to affect large populations, compared to “downstream,” individual needs. “Midstream” approaches fall somewhere in between.

On November 21, 2024, City Council authorized agreements with four agencies in response to the RFP. Through the agreements, contractors provide doula training, high school education on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), STI testing, contraception including long-acting reversible contraception, workshops on healthy pregnancies and sexual and reproductive health, and

wraparound prenatal care services including doula, acupuncture and mental health services for a combined value of \$499,179.24.

On February 28, 2025, the Community Health Committee was briefed on a request for a new Reproductive Justice Fund solicitation to provide an additional \$100,000 to fund downstream services that were not met through the already awarded funds. The Community Health Committee ultimately voted to forward this request to a future A Session for City Council consideration for downstream services that could include travel out of State.

To gauge interest in a new solicitation to provide downstream services, the original ten proposers were invited to a virtual meeting held on March 20, 2025. During this meeting, Metro Health and Finance staff discussed the request as it came from the Community Health Committee. An Interest Form was sent to all ten original proposers asking whether they would be interested in pursuing a new funding opportunity specific to downstream services for Reproductive Justice. All ten firms responded. Questions posed on the Interest Form were whether the organizations would have interest in pursuing an additional funding opportunity for downstream services, and whether they would have interest in pursuing an additional funding opportunity specific to out of State travel for abortion-related care. Nine of the ten indicated interest in an additional funding opportunity for downstream services. Three of the ten indicated interest in an additional funding opportunity limited to out-of-state travel for abortion-related care, and one response indicated interest if the City were to provide legal protection for the organization.

#### **ISSUE:**

Metro Health requests City Council authorize an expedited procurement to support downstream services for reproductive health care generally and/or specific types of reproductive health care, which may include out-of-state travel.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council choose not to approve this item, an expedited solicitation for additional downstream reproductive health care services will not occur.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The \$100,000 to support the expedited Reproductive Justice Fund solicitation to fund downstream services are available in Metro Health's FY 2025 General Fund Budget. Staff recommendations of funding reallocations will come back to Council for consideration at the time of award.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends an expedited solicitation for additional downstream reproductive services that may include out-of-state travel.