



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for pediatric dental services.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes a contract with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health) for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) Oral Health Program to provide dental treatment for pediatric patients referred by Metro Health's Oral Health program in an amount up to \$225,580.00, for the term September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, with options to renew for three, one-year terms for a total contract amount up to \$705,580.00, inclusive of renewals.

Funding in the amount of \$71,500.00 is available from the General Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Funding is available in the amount of \$61,580.00 from the Title V Dental Program grant and in the amount of \$92,500.00 from the Medicaid Waiver 1115 grant in the FY 2025 Proposed Budget contingent upon City Council approval. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon availability of grant funds and City Council approval of the annual budget and funds.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is a proposal submitted by The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health), through its School of Dentistry as part of the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's plan to improve access to care for the department's Oral Health Program to provide dental treatment for pediatric patients referred by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Oral Health program.

The Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant is one of the largest grant programs aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of mothers and children. The Dental Services portion of the grant serves eligible children that do not qualify for Medicaid or CHIP. Through this program, children six months to 17 years of age are connected to comprehensive dental treatment.

Metro Health's Oral Health Program provides diagnostic and preventive dental care for children at no cost to families who qualify for services. Metro Health has contracted with UT Health to develop a cost-effective means of providing high quality dental care for children throughout the community who are uninsured or underinsured. Children identified as having extensive dental needs beyond the scope of preventive services offered by Metro Health will be referred to UT Health. Services will be provided at UT Health's Pediatric Dental Clinic at the Ricardo Salinas Health Center located at 630 S. General McMullen and the Dental Clinic located on main campus, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive. During FY 2023 the Oral Health Program provided access to care to 642 children who otherwise would have gone without receiving restorative treatment.

The City issued a Request for Qualifications for "Title V Maternal and Child Block Grant Dental Services" (RFQ 24-085, 6100017854) on April 11, 2024, with a submission deadline of May 28, 2024. The RFQ was advertised in the HartBeat, TVSA channel, the City's Bidding & Contracting Opportunities website, the San Antonio e-Procurement System (SAEPS), and an email notification was released to a list of potential Respondents. One proposal was received and deemed responsive for evaluation.

The evaluation committee consisted of representatives from Metro Health. The Finance Department, Procurement Division assisted by ensuring compliance with City procurement policies and procedures. The evaluation of the proposal was based on the firm's experience, background and qualifications, and proposed plan. Additional categories of consideration included references and financial qualifications.

The evaluation committee met on June 26, 2024, to discuss the sole respondent's proposal that was received. After committee review and evaluation, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health) was recommended for award by the evaluation committee based on consensus scoring.

The initial term of the contract will begin September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, with three, one-year renewal options as authorized by this ordinance.

## **ISSUE:**

Metro Health requests City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with UT Health to provide dental treatment for pediatric patients referred by Metro Health's Oral Health program in

an amount up to \$225,580.00 for the term September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, with the option to renew for three, one-year terms for a total contract amount up to \$705,580, inclusive of renewals.

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The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance was not applicable to provide these services and an OD Waiver was applied.

This award is an exception to the Local Preference Program (LPP). LPP was not applicable to this contract as grant does not expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference.

The award is an exception to the Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program (VOSBPP). VOSBPP is not applicable to professional services as defined by State law.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will need to seek an alternate means to provide pediatric oral health services to remain in compliance with Title V Child Health and Dental Services grant requirements.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an agreement with UT Health for dental treatment for pediatric patients in the amount up to \$225,580.00 for the term September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, with options to renew for three, one-year terms for an amount up to \$160,000.00 each renewal term and a total contract amount up to \$705,580.00, inclusive of renewals.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

This contract was procured by means of a Request for Qualifications and a Contracts Disclosure

Form is required.