



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Accepting supplemental DSHS IDCU/COVID Expansion grant funds in an amount up to \$2,047,954.00 from July 31, 2024 through July 31, 2026.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of supplemental funds upon award in an amount up to \$2,047,954.00, for a total amount up to \$7,123,968.00, from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), for the IDCU/COVID Expansion grant, and approves a revised program budget from July 31, 2024 through July 31, 2026. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of 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 to effectuate the acceptance of the referenced additional grant funds, 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 inclusive of this ordinance; 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:

Since 2020, Metro Health has received funding from DSHS to enhance COVID-19 outbreak response activities. These activities include enhancing public health follow up activities, such as conducting case investigations, eliciting or identifying individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19, conducting notifications, and providing referrals to COVID-19 testing, vaccine resources and other follow-up services.

On September 17, 2020, City Council authorized the initial grant award in the amount of \$2,184,484.00 for the COVID-19 Response Activities and Laboratory Response Network (LRN) program under the IDCU/COVID Expansion grant. Since then, Metro Health has received supplemental funding and was most recently notified on November 30, 2023 of additional funds for a total award up to \$7,123,968.00 and a two-year extension through July 31, 2026.

Metro Health's Epidemiology Program conducts infectious disease surveillance and investigation for over 70 diseases/conditions per the Texas Administrative Code and investigates reports of clusters or outbreaks of any condition in any setting. Program coverage includes all of Bexar County residents, including incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas, serving over 2 million people. Additionally, the team conducts education and outreach to health care providers, health care facilities, local schools, and the general public.

Metro Health now requests City Council authorization to accept the supplemental funding and two-year extension through July 31, 2026, and an associated budget. There are no positions authorized under this grant.

ISSUE:

Metro Health requests City Council authorize the acceptance of supplemental funds upon award from DSHS in the amount up to \$2,047,954.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$7,123,968.00 from July 31, 2024 through July 31, 2026.

Supplemental funds will support costs associated with a case management system for epidemiological follow up and public health communications campaigns to educate the public and health care providers on epidemiology and disease reporting, respectively. Funding will also support continuing education for staff and ongoing administrative support. There is no personnel complement associated with this supplemental funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council choose not to approve this request, Metro Health will forgo utilization of the supplemental funding from DSHS for COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of supplemental funds upon award in an amount up to \$2,047,954.00, for a total amount up to \$7,123,968.00, from DSHS for the IDCU/COVID Expansion grant from July 31, 2024 through July 31, 2026.

This ordinance also authorizes a revised budget. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.