



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 2, District 3, District 4, District 5

SUBJECT:

An agreement with the Center for Health Equity in South Texas (CHEST) to provide seed funding for the development of CHEST.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an agreement with CHEST for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) to provide seed funding to support the development of CHEST in an amount up to \$300,000.00 for the term October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Funding is available from the General Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

This ordinance also authorizes the City Manager or designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee to execute an amendment in the following circumstance: no cost modifications to the Scope of Work so long as the terms of the amendment are reasonably within the parameters set forth in the original Scope of Work.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To address health disparities, particularly in communities already facing public health and economic challenges, Metro Health supports the establishment of CHEST, a Texas nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to educational and scientific purposes. CHEST's mission is to

promote health equity in medically underserved areas of San Antonio's Greater Southside, including the near-East and near-West communities. The organization focuses on three key objectives: expanding access to primary care, specialty care, hospital, and auxiliary health services; increasing life expectancy through systematic improvements in essential, non-medical drivers of health; and fostering the development of a health careers pipeline by supporting local residents in professional, medical and allied health educational programs.

Through the budget amendment process, City Council allocated seed funding to support the development of CHEST with the goal of creating an action plan to reduce health disparities and improve access to healthcare on the Greater Southside, including the near-East and near-West communities of San Antonio.

ISSUE:

Metro Health requests City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with CHEST for the provision of seed funding to support the development of CHEST for an amount up to \$300,000.00 for the term October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Funding is available from the General Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, an alternate means to fulfill the City Council budget initiative to support the development of CHEST with the goal of reducing health disparities and improving access to healthcare on the Greater Southside, including the near-East and near-West communities of San Antonio will need to be identified.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.