



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

An agreement and the acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$8,000 from the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Project Worth program.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes an agreement with the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University, through its Texas Youth Action Network (TYAN), and the acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$8,000 for services provided by the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) Project Worth program for participation, implementation, and evaluation of the TYAN's mentor program. Funding is for the term September 15, 2024 through July 31, 2025 and supports the direct reimbursement of services to be provided by Metro Health's Project Worth program. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash match.

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment in the following circumstances: (A) an increase in contract funding in an amount not exceeding (a) twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of this contract or (b) \$25,000, whichever is lesser amount; provided, however, that the cumulative total of all amendments increasing funding and executed without City Council approval pursuant to this subsection during the term of this contract shall not exceed the foregoing amount; (B) no cost extensions up to two years; and (C) modifications to

the Scope of Work due to the adjustment described in subsection (A) of this Section or for any other reason, so long as the terms of the amendment are reasonably within the parameters set forth in the original Scope of Work.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Metro Health's Project Worth program works with teens in San Antonio to ensure youth perspectives and voices are incorporated and shared with the community through Project Worth and City initiatives, including various teen pregnancy prevention campaigns, the DreamSA Youth Engagement Initiative, Tobacco 21 Ordinance, and teen dating violence prevention campaigns. In 2013, Project Worth formally began the Project Worth Teen Ambassador program – a volunteer-based leadership development program that provides teens the opportunity to meet with peers from across San Antonio, become civically engaged, and bring action to teen health by sharing their voices, creativity, and ideas.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) contracts with the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University to implement and evaluate the TYAN. The purpose of the network is to provide resources and assistance to community organizations to develop Youth Adult Partnerships (YAPs) and incorporate the perspectives of young people, between the ages of 10 and 24, into their work. Adults and youth working together is expected to increase adults' commitment and connection with youth and promote Positive Youth Development (PYD).

Through the TYAN mentor program, Metro Health will provide resources and assistance to a community organization in developing their Youth Adult Partnerships (YAP), and promote Positive Youth Development (PYD) activities, and community organizing principles. Participation in the mentor program will provide Metro Health access to technical support, professional development, and a collaborative network of other youth-serving organizations across Texas, that can help strengthen and improve Project Worth staff's experience and knowledge on positive youth development and youth-adult partnerships.

Funds accepted through this agreement will support Project Worth's Teen Ambassador enrichment activities, events, meetings, and/or stipends for youth or young adults (Teen Ambassador Alumni or Interns) to aid in the expansion of the Teen Ambassador program to middle and high school campuses.

## **ISSUE:**

Metro Health requests City Council authorization to execute an agreement with the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University for Metro Health's participation in the Texas Youth Action Network's mentor program and for the acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$8,000, for the term September 15, 2024 through July 31, 2025. Funding is for the direct reimbursement of services to be provided by Metro Health's Project Worth program. There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash match.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will be unable to mentor a youth-serving organization and will not have access to the Texas Youth Action Network's technical assistance, or funds that would strengthen Project Worth's capacity to support the Teen Ambassador expansion. Metro Health will need to seek an alternate means for the Project Worth program to provide health and wellness resources and learning opportunities that prepare students socially and emotionally to pursue their goals after high school.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes an agreement with the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University for Metro Health's participation in the Texas Youth Action Network's mentor program and acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$8,000 for the term September 15, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.