



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Extension of agreement for blood delivery to the San Antonio Fire Department

**SUMMARY:**

The amendment will extend the agreement with South Texas Blood and Tissue Center (STBTC) for whole blood services for one year from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, for a total estimated annual amount of \$125,000.00, for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD). Funding for the additional year is included in General Fund FY 2025 Proposed budget and subject to City Council approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On September 1, 2018, SAFD entered into an agreement with STBTC for a 12-month period ending August 31, 2019, in the amount of \$50,000.00. This initial agreement was a pilot program to implement a new whole blood program in which STBTC would provide blood to the San Antonio Emergency Medical Service (SAEMS) Division. Under this agreement, the SAEMS would purchase pints of blood to be carried by Medic Officers and the Medical Special Operations Unit (MSOU) to administer to trauma patients in certain situations and as needed to increase the patient's chance of survival. SAFD is one of the first in the nation to implement this program.

Upon the successful pilot program, Council approved Ordinance 2019-06-20-0552 which amended and extended the contract term for up to five years, October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2022, with two, 1 year renewal options. SAFD is now seeking a one-year extension through September 30, 2025. During this time SAFD intends to process a solicitation during FY25 to establish a new agreement for whole blood.

Under the existing agreement, as of October 1, 2018, the SAFD has administered 1,488 pints of blood to the citizens of San Antonio, or a monthly average of 25 pints. It is anticipated that the number of pints utilized under the new contract would average 300 pints of blood annually.

#### **ISSUE:**

This amendment will extend the term of the existing agreement for one (1) additional year, through September 30, 2025 with the STBTC to provide scheduled delivery service of blood to SAFD.

This amendment is an exception to the SBEDA and Local Preference Programs.

The Veteran-Owned Business Program does not apply to goods/supplies contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this contract not be approved, the department would be required to process individual procurements for blood on an as needed basis which could result in increased costs due to non-contract buying adversely affecting timelines of delivery and possibly endangering the health and wellbeing of the community.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the agreement with STBTC for whole blood for one year, from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, for the total estimated annual amount of \$125,000.00 for SAFD. Funding for the additional year is included in General Fund FY 2025 Proposed budget and subject to City Council approval.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the amendment and extension for one (1) additional year with South Texas Blood and Tissue Center (STBTC) to provide whole blood for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD).

This is an amendment to an agreement therefore a contract disclosure form is not required.

