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**ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF TWO U.S. TREASURY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS FROM BEXAR COUNTY AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BEXAR COUNTY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

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**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, City Council approved, through Ordinance 2020-04-23-0277, the creation of the City's COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program ("EHAP"). The EHAP provides rental, mortgage, and utility assistance to eligible applicants affected by the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and is administered by the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department ("NHSD"); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2021, City Council passed Ordinance 2021-06-17-0446 approving an Interlocal Grant Agreement with Bexar County (ILA) in the amount of \$5,500,000.00 from U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury Department") Emergency Rental Assistance under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 (ERA1) grant funds for the administration of Bexar County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program to issue direct payments to residents living outside the San Antonio city limits, but within Bexar County with emergency rental assistance under the EHAP; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2021, City Council passed and approved through Ordinance 2021-11-0873 an amendment to the ILA for an additional \$4,400,000.00 from the Treasury Department's Emergency Rental Assistance grant program under the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ERA2) administered by the City to Bexar County residents through the EHAP; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2022, City Council passed and approved through Ordinance 2022-02-17-0111 another amendment to the ILA, attached hereto as **Attachment I**, adding \$3,800,000.00 in Treasury Department (ERA2) grant funds for rental assistance from Bexar County for the City's administration of the EHAP; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2022, NHSD closed the EHAP application portal, however there remain applications that were pending payment before the portal was closed; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2022, the City launched the new Housing Assistance Program ("HAP"), which is intended to continue to provide emergency rental and relocation assistance to residents within the City of San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, Bexar County wishes to provide to the City an additional \$364,102.00 in ERA2 grant funds to provide rental assistance for residents that currently have applications pending under the

EHAP who reside within Bexar County but outside the city limits, and up to \$6,000,000.00 to support the HAP, conditioned upon approval by Bexar County's Commissioner's Court, by providing emergency rental assistance to residents within Bexar County, both within and outside the city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends amending the existing agreement with Bexar County to add the additional \$364,102.00 in ERA2 funds for emergency rental assistance under the EHAP for residents that live outside the city limits and within Bexar County, and up to \$6,000,000.00 in ERA2 funds, conditioned upon approval by Bexar County, for emergency rental assistance under the HAP for residents that live both inside and outside the city limits and within Bexar County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council to approve staff's recommendation to accept the additional ERA2 funds from Bexar County and to amend the existing agreement with Bexar County to allow the City to provide emergency rental assistance to residents within the City and outside the city limits but within Bexar County. **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby authorizes the acceptance of Three Hundred Sixty-four Thousand, One Hundred Two Dollars and 00/100 (\$364,102.00) in U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance ("ERA2") grant funds for emergency rental assistance from Bexar County for the City's administration of the COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program ("EHAP") to assist residents of Bexar County who reside outside the city limits.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby authorizes the acceptance of up to Six Million Dollars and 00/100 (\$6,000,000.00) in U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance ("ERA2") grant funds for emergency rental assistance from Bexar County, conditioned upon approval by Bexar County Commissioner's Court, for the administration of the City's Housing Assistance Program ("HAP") to assist residents of Bexar County who reside both inside and outside the city limits.

**SECTION 3.** The City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute an amended agreement with Bexar County for the administration of emergency rental assistance as directed in this Ordinance, and to negotiate and execute any and all other necessary documents associated with the City's administration of the EHAP and HAP including contracts, subawards, and contract amendments to implement and administer the programs.

**SECTION 4.** Upon acceptance of this award, Internal Order 157000009008, Fund 2105700002 entitled "US Dept of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance", is hereby designated for use in the accounting for the fiscal transaction, upon which the award amount not to exceed \$364,102.00 will be appropriated in said fund. A formal final budget which will include Internal Order numbers and General Ledger numbers will be submitted by the department upon receipt.

**SECTION 5.** Upon acceptance of this Ordinance, a new fund and internal order number will be created, upon which the award amount up to \$6,000,000.00 will be appropriated from U.S.

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Treasury. A formal final budget which will include Internal Order numbers and General Ledger numbers will be submitted by the department upon receipt.

**SECTION 6.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2022.

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Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

**ATTACHMENT I**

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