



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 2

Agenda Date: August 16, 2022

In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Briefing on a recommended implementation plan for the use of ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF) for Mental Health initiatives.

SUMMARY:

This item provides a briefing on a recommended implementation plan for the use of ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF) for Mental Health initiatives.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 3rd, City Council approved a spending framework for the use of ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF). This Spending framework supports the continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic and addresses community priorities. Included in this framework is the allocation of \$26 million to support Mental Health.

On April 19, 2022, the San Antonio Metro Health Department provided a briefing to the Public Safety Committee on the mental health programs currently funded by the City of San Antonio. Subsequently, on June 10, 2022, the Public Safety Committee received a briefing on a draft implementation plan and stakeholder engagement plan.

San Antonio Metro Health District held two public input meetings, two provider and stakeholder feedback sessions, one session with school districts, and two sessions with faith leaders from June 23 to July 21, 2022. The purpose of these sessions was to share the draft implementation plan presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 10 and gather suggestions on proposed funding priorities, programs

and strategies.

The feedback from the stakeholder meetings will be presented to the Public Safety Committee on August 16, 2022. Additionally, a recommended implementation plan will be presented.

ISSUE:

Briefing on a recommended implementation plan for the use of ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF) for Mental Health initiatives in the amount of \$26 million over two years.

If the Public Safety Committee approves the implementation plan on August 16, the implementation plan will be presented to City Council at the September 1 Council “A” Session for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Public Safety Committee could request that the implementation plan be amended and brought forward at a future date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Mental Health Implementation Plan that will be presented to the Public Safety Committee on August 16 is for \$26 million over two years and will be funded from the ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee forward the implementation plan to the City Council for consideration.