

THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO TO PROVIDE SARS-COV-2 GENETIC SEQUENCING DATA, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$200,000.00, FOR A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR FOUR, ONE-YEAR TERMS FOR A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT UP TO \$1,000,000.00.

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WHEREAS, since April 2021, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health) has established Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) and expanded the local Public Health laboratory capability and capacity for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 variants; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) has contracted with UT Health since April 15, 2021 to provide NGS services and expand the capacity for detection of SARS-CoV-2 variants; and

WHEREAS, through Ordinance Number 2021-06-17-0446, City Council authorized an initial agreement with UT Health’s Department of Pathology in an amount up to \$200,000.00 through March 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, due to an increased need for NGS capabilities and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, through Ordinance 2021-11-18-0878, City Council authorized an amendment to the initial agreement with UT Health to increase the total compensation of the agreement to \$558,912.00 through March 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, through Ordinance 2022-05-12-0342, City Council authorized a no cost extension and second amendment to the agreement with UT Health to extend the term through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the ongoing pandemic and continued need for these services, Metro Health is seeking approval of an agreement with UT Health to provide NGS services and ensure variant detection services remain readily available; and

WHEREAS, through this agreement with UT Health, Metro Health will receive SARS-CoV-2 variant surveillance data reports for situational awareness and epidemiological purposes; and

WHEREAS, the data provided through this agreement allows Metro Health to track local prevalence of CDC “Variants of Concern” and “Variants of Interest” such as Delta (AY.100), Omicron (BA.1, BA1.1, BA2); and

WHEREAS, these variants are of concern/interest due to various attributes, such as increased transmissibility, increased severity, reduced neutralization by convalescent sera, reduced neutralization by monoclonal antibody therapy, and reduced neutralization by post-vaccination sera; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to provide SARS-CoV-2 genetic sequencing data, in an amount up to \$200,000.00, for a term ending September 30, 2023, with the option to renew for four, one-year terms for a cumulative amount up to \$1,000,000.00. A copy of the agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. Funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 3619010011 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

SECTION 3. Additional funding is contingent upon City Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 and subsequent budgets that fall within the contract terms of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Payment is authorized to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health) and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

SECTION 5. 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 Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

PASSED and APPROVED this 3rd day of November 2022.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney