

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

**ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$25,534,666.00 FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION’S (CDC) STRENGTHENING U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE, AND DATA SYSTEMS GRANT FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO ADVANCE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2027 AND AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.**

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**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2022, the notice of funding opportunity was released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Public Health Infrastructure Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant is supported by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

**WHEREAS**, this multi-component grant will help ensure that U.S. public health systems are ready to respond to public health emergencies like COVID-19 and to meet the evolving and complex needs of the communities and populations they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the Workforce component is to reinforce and expand the public health workforce by making improvements in the areas of hiring, retaining, supporting, and training and by strengthening relevant workforce planning systems, processes, and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, under this component the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) intends to add and retain positions to strengthen and support grant implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the Foundational Capabilities Component is to strengthen recipients ‘overall systems, processes, and policies to ensure a strong core infrastructure needed to protect health and provide fair opportunities for all; and

**WHEREAS**, under this initiative Metro Health aims to strengthen organizational administrative competencies such as conducting quarterly reviews of the impact of CDC grants, SA Forward, and Metro Health 2.0 (the department’s new internal strategic plan) and retain national public health accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, Metro Health aims to enhance external communications by increasing public awareness of foundational public health services through community and external partners; and

**WHEREAS**, through this effort, community partnerships will be reinforced and will assist in achieving a strong core infrastructure for public health; and

**WHEREAS**, more so, Metro Health will strive to improve equity by addressing leadership, governance, and strategic planning; and

**WHEREAS**, through this grant, Metro Health will provide training resources for internal and external staff to build competencies in coalition building and resource coordination, thereby ensuring an appropriate, rapid response to future emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, with this funding Metro Health will implement plans to transition from COVID-19 emergency response to other emergency response and preparedness projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Health also plans to work with the Bexar County Health Collaborative to complete a Community Health Improvement Plan to strengthen public health and future preparedness efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Health's proposed five-year CDC-funded project was designed to achieve a three-part goal: 1. Build a stable foundational infrastructure and a strong, diverse workforce capable of delivering accessible, affordable, high-quality public health services; 2. Ensure that our population – regardless of location, demographic, social status, or any other factor – has access to quality public health care and prevention; and 3. Build a collaborative system of care that integrates public health, behavioral health, and health care; **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 accept American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount up to \$25,534,666.00 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Grant for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to advance public health infrastructure and workforce for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is further authorized to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and a grant contract to effectuate the acceptance of the referenced grant, and to execute contract amendments pertaining to this contract, to include: a) carry-over funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) line item budget revisions authorized by the funding agency; c) modifications to the performance measures authorized by the funding agency and listed in the contract so long as the terms of the amendment stay within the general parameters of the intent of the grant; d) no cost extensions; e) amendments which will provide supplemental grant funds to the grant by the funding agency in an amount up to 20% of the total amount awarded annually to the grant; f) reimbursement increases of administrative funds for each participant served; g) amendments funding one time equipment purchases or defined program services; and h) changes in state regulations mandated by the funding agency.

**SECTION 3.** Upon acceptance of this award, new funds and internal order numbers will be created, upon which the award amount not to exceed \$25,534,666.00 will be appropriated from the CDC. The budget, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment II**, is approved and adopted for entry in the City books.

**SECTION 4:** The proposed personnel complement of forty-six (46) positions, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Attachment II**, is approved. The Director of Metro Health or designee is further authorized to change personnel complement classifications within the approved personnel complement number so long as there is no increase to the overall budget.

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

**PASSED and APPROVED this 15th day of December 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