

**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 AGREEMENT WITH  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT  
HOUSTON FOR A FOOD INSECURITY ASSESSMENT, AS PART  
OF THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT'S  
SA FORWARD PLAN TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND  
NUTRITION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$72,100.67 FOR A TERM  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.**

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**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) released its SA Forward Plan in FY 2022, which presents the strategic direction for Metro Health to protect and improve the health of the community so that all people thrive in healthy safe communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the SA Forward Plan was developed to address the community's most pressing health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, over the next five years, Metro Health will focus efforts on six priority areas, one of which is food insecurity and nutrition; and

**WHEREAS**, food insecurity is defined as a lack of consistent access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food which meets dietary needs and food preferences for an active, healthy life; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also a household-level economic, social, and environmental condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food that meets cultural or personal needs; and

**WHEREAS**, food insecurity may begin with worrying about where the next meal will come from and can lead to missed meals and poor health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing food insecurity goes beyond increasing physical access to food; it also requires improving food availability and quality, ensuring economic access to food, and understanding patterns of nutrition and consumption of food; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also critical to recognize the burden of chronic disease often experienced by individuals facing food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiatives in the Food Insecurity and Nutrition priority area of the SA Forward Plan addresses the complex interplay between individuals, groups, community, and societal factors that have led to food insecurity and disproportionate chronic disease rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Health will serve as the backbone organization to convene a diverse Food Insecurity Workgroup that will carry the work forward under the Food Insecurity and Nutrition priority area and oversee the development of the San Antonio Food Insecurity Assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston will include two deliverables: Deliverable 1 will assess the nature and severity of food insecurity in San Antonio and deliverable 2 will assess the laws and policies contributing to food insecurity at the federal, state, and local level; and

**WHEREAS**, these assessments will provide a better understanding of the links between food insecurity, chronic disease, social determinants of health and health equity in San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, this agreement will provide the foundational work directly supporting the final assessment for development of the San Antonio Food Insecurity Assessment, which entails a review of existing resources and community assets supporting food resiliency; **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 (Metro Health) or designee, is authorized to execute an agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for a Food Insecurity Assessment, as part of Metro Health's SA Forward Plan to address food insecurity and nutrition, in an amount up to \$72,100.67 for a term ending September 30, 2023. A copy of the agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

**SECTION 2.** Funding in the amount of \$72,100.70 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 3618010014 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

**SECTION 3.** Payment is authorized to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

**SECTION 4.** 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.

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**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of June 2023.**

**M A Y O R**  
Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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