



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Ordinance accepting funding from the OneStar Foundation for the AmeriCorps State and National Public Health Grant to expand health education and training in the amount of \$57,600.00 for a period beginning September 1, 2022, and ending August 30, 2023, with two, one-year renewals, for a total award amount of \$172,800.00, and a match requirement up to \$53,528.00 annually for a total match requirement up to \$160,584.00; authorizing the execution of necessary documents to include Member Services Agreements; and authorizing the execution of Memoranda of Agreement that enhance program services with no exchange of funds associated with the grant-funded projects.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the OneStar Foundation for the AmeriCorps State and National Public Health Grant for an amount not to exceed \$57,600.00 for a period beginning September 1, 2022, and ending August 30, 2023, with two, one-year renewals, for a total award amount of \$172,800.00 inclusive of renewal periods and a match requirement up to \$53,528.00 annually for a total match requirement up to \$160,584.00 for costs associated with the grant-funded program to include the payment of a living allowance for two AmeriCorps Service Members, who will educate the community on asthma triggers and air quality in San Antonio, for an amount up to \$33,004.00 per member for a cumulative amount up to \$66,008.00

annually and a total cumulative amount up to \$198,024.00. Additionally, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Metro Health to execute all necessary documents to include Member Services Agreements.

Furthermore, this ordinance authorizes the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) 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 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 regulations mandated by the funding agency.

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Metro Health to execute Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) that enhance program services with no exchange of funds associated with the grant-funded programs, including Data Use Agreements and Business Associate Agreements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

AmeriCorps partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create Public Health AmeriCorps. This initiative was made possible through CDC's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

On November 18, 2021, Metro Health applied to the AmeriCorps State and National Public Health Grant and was notified on March 22, 2022, of the selection for funding for two AmeriCorps Members.

The goal of Public Health AmeriCorps is to provide resources for public health needs in local communities by providing needed capacity and support in state and local public health settings and advance more equitable health outcomes for communities who are currently or historically underserved. Additionally, Public Health AmeriCorps aims to provide pathways to public health-related careers through training and recruiting AmeriCorps members who reflect the communities in which they serve.

Through this funding award, Metro Health will recruit two full-time AmeriCorps Members and execute Member Services Agreements and any other necessary documents as required by this grant. A full-time member will work 1700 hours during each year of service. Each AmeriCorps member will receive a living allowance (stipend) up to \$33,004.00 annually which will be paid by the City to the AmeriCorps Member as indicated in the Member Services Agreement and with funds received from this grant award and match requirement. The living allowance is not

considered a wage.

The AmeriCorps Members will educate the community on asthma triggers and air quality in San Antonio. One AmeriCorps Member will work with the SA Kids Breathe (SAKB) Program to specifically support the EXHALE project. The EXHALE project addresses six strategies: expanding access to asthma-self management education, working with schools, health care systems, large worksites, and multi-unit housing properties to assess asthma, tobacco and environmental policies and looking at evidence-based interventions and best practices to develop or strengthen such policies. The AmeriCorps Member in the SAKB program will work directly with the EXHALE supervisor to support all six EXHALE strategies. The AmeriCorps Member will be trained on asthma and the triggers that exacerbate it, learn strategies to reduce or eliminate asthma triggers inside the home and school environments, assist with recruitment to the SAKB home educational program, and develop a presentation on these triggers and mitigation strategies for both allergens and irritants.

The second AmeriCorps Member will work with Metro Health's Gas Cap Replacement Program. The Gas Cap Replacement Program is funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement (CMAQ) grant. This program will identify and prioritize lower-income and minority communities based on an equity map that has been created by the City of San Antonio Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Once communities are identified, the Gas Cap Replacement Program will work with local organizations to host gas cap testing and replacement events where Metro Health staff will test gas caps for the public in attendance and replace faulty gas caps at no charge. These events will present an opportunity to inform participants about the negative impact that ground-level ozone pollution and poor air quality have on human health and the environment. The AmeriCorps Member will participate at all levels of the program including planning, assist with the procurement of resources, executing events, gathering data, tracking progress, creating reports, and various other duties associated with this program.

Frequently Metro Health requests City Council authorize agreements with agencies for the provision of services relating to Metro Health programs and projects. Many times, these agreements do not include the exchange of funds between City and these agencies; however, the execution of these agreements does require City Council action. The Department requests authorization for the Director of Metro Health to execute MOAs, to include Data Use Agreements and Business Associate Agreements, with no exchange of funds that enhance programs or services the Public Health AmeriCorps members will support.

ISSUE:

Metro Health is requesting City Council authorize the acceptance of funds from the OneStar Foundation for the AmeriCorps State and National Public Health Grant in an amount of \$57,600.00, with two, one-year renewal periods, for a total amount of \$172,800.00, inclusive of renewal periods. Metro Health will use the funding to expand health education and training to strengthen community resiliency by addressing health disparities.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this ordinance not be authorized, Metro Health will forgo an opportunity to accept funding that would expand, train, and sustain the public health workforce to support Metro Health activities and initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the OneStar Foundation for the AmeriCorps State and National Public Health Grant in the amount of \$57,600.00 for a period beginning September 1, 2022, and ending August 30, 2023, with two, one-year renewal periods for a total amount of \$172,800.00, inclusive of renewal periods and a match requirement up to \$53,528.00 annually for a total match requirement up to \$160,584.00. The payment of a living allowance (stipend) to each AmeriCorps Member, as indicated in the Member Service Agreement, as part of this grant award is for a cumulative amount of \$66,008.00 annually and a total amount up of \$198,024.00 for the three-year grant cycle.

The funding for the match requirement of \$53,528.00 is budgeted and available in Metro Health's FY 2022 General Fund budget. Subsequent grant periods will be funded through non-competing continuance applications based on availability of funding. Funding for the cash match in subsequent grant periods is subject to future appropriations by City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council authorize the acceptance of funds from the OneStar Foundation for the AmeriCorps State and National Public Health Grant in the amount of \$57,600.00 for a period beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 30, 2023, with two, one-year renewal periods for a total amount of \$172,800.00, inclusive of renewal periods and a match requirement up to \$53,528.00 annually for a total match requirement up to \$160,584.00; authorize the execution of necessary documents, to include Member Services Agreements and payment of the AmeriCorps Member living allowances for a cumulative amount up to \$66,008.00 annually and a total amount up to \$198,024.00 inclusive of renewal periods, and Memoranda of Agreement that enhance program services with no exchange of funds associated with these grant-funded projects.