



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds upon award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Grants Services (OGS) for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program, CFDA No. 93.268, in an amount not to exceed \$2,974,475.00 and authorizing a proposed program budget, program income, and a personnel complement for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) for 12 months beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds upon award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Grant Services (OGS) for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program, CFDA No. 93.268, in an amount not to exceed \$2,974,475.00 for 12 months beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 and authorizing a personnel complement of 30 existing positions. There is no impact on the General Fund in the form of a cash match.

Furthermore, this ordinance authorizes the Director of 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; 3) 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 also 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:

In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Grants Services (OGS), Metro Health administers an immunization project (project) that works to reduce illnesses by maximizing the number of children immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, rubella, mumps, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, Haemophilus influenza type b, varicella, pneumonia, hepatitis A & B, rotavirus, human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza, and meningitis. The project has two components, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and the 317 Immunization Program (Section 317 Program).

The VFC Program provides vaccines recommended by the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to 152 VFC-enrolled healthcare providers in San Antonio. The program targets children under 18 who meet one of the following criteria: eligible for Medicaid, uninsured, underinsured (i.e., the child's insurance does not cover immunizations), or American Indian or Alaska Native. The Section 317 Program provides supplemental vaccines targeted to eligible individuals, and it supports Metro Health's efforts to maintain or improve response activities to public health threats caused by vaccine preventable diseases public health threats. The VFC and Section 317 Programs also provide support for project personnel and infrastructure.

In FY 2023, Metro Health clinics are projected to administer an estimated 12,000 immunizations and the 152 VFC and Adult Safety Net providers are projected to administer an additional 300,000 immunizations to eligible participants of these programs. Overall, a total of 312,000 doses of vaccine are projected to be administered to the community through the Immunizations and Vaccines for Children 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

associated with the VFC and Section 317 Programs.

ISSUE:

Metro Health has received funding from the CDC for the 317 Immunization and Vaccines for Children Programs for over 20 years to support public health immunization programming and vaccine delivery to Bexar County. The immunization of children to prevent illnesses like pertussis, measles, rubella, mumps and other vaccine preventable diseases, continues to be an important public health strategy. This ordinance will allow Metro Health to continue the important work of providing enhanced education, outreach, technical support, immunizations, disease surveillance, adult/adolescent health activities, immunization registry activities and vaccine distribution services.

ALTERNATIVES:

The funding provided through this grant award supports vital immunization services for children. Should City Council choose not to approve the acceptance of funds from the CDC, available funding will be redistributed to other grantees, limiting opportunities to provide immunization services to San Antonio residents, particularly children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Grants Services for the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,974,475.00 beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. This ordinance will also authorize a proposed program budget, program income and a personnel complement which supports funding for 30 full-time positions. 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. There is no impact on the General Fund in the form of a cash match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds upon award from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Grant Services (OGS) to continue to provide immunization services for underserved children in San Antonio and Bexar County in order to prevent diseases and authorizes the execution of Memoranda of Agreement that enhance program services with no exchange of funds associated with these grant-funded projects.

