



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Approving an amendment to an agreement with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for BRFSS data

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance will approve an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to increase the total compensation amount from \$73,600.00 to \$228,160.00 for the continued collection of data for the 2023 and 2024 Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey (BRFSS) for a term ending September 30, 2025. Funding in the amount of \$150,880.00 through September 30, 2024, is available through the Health Disparities Grant. Funding for the future years will be supported by the Public Health Infrastructure Grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a telephone survey of adults over 18 years of age in Texas and is conducted annually by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The BRFSS survey captures the health behaviors as well as the health conditions of residents. The resulting population-level data obtained through the survey is used by many agencies and local health departments in Texas, including San Antonio, for planning and

implementing health programs.

Through Ordinance 2021-06-17-0446, City Council authorized the use of COVID-19 Health Disparities funding to support the execution of an agreement with DSHS to provide BRFSS data in an amount up to \$575,000.00. On May 31, 2022, Metro Health executed an agreement with DSHS for an amount up to \$73,600.00 to provide 2022 Texas BRFSS survey data to capture the health behaviors and health conditions of residents.

Metro Health relies on population data collected through the BRFSS survey to inform program planning, grant requests, and the health education provided to the San Antonio residents. As a result, Metro Health identified the need for additional BRFSS survey data in 2023 to inform the continued planning and implementation of health programs in San Antonio and seeks to amend the existing agreement with DSHS to increase the compensation amount up to \$228,160.00 and provide additional 2023 and 2024 Texas BRFSS survey data specific to Bexar County. For the 2023 Texas BRFSS survey, funding in the amount of \$150,880.00 is available and has been appropriated through the Health Disparities Grant. Administration of the 2024 Texas BRFSS survey by DSHS is contingent upon the acceptance of new grant funds by City Council.

For Bexar County BRFSS data in 2023 and 2024, DSHS will oversample an additional 394 completed surveys for a total of 850 completed surveys each year. For all other counties in the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in 2023, DSHS will oversample an additional 342 completed surveys for a total of 500 completed surveys each year.

ISSUE:

Metro Health is requesting City Council approval of an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to increase the total compensation amount from \$73,600.00 up to \$228,160.00 for the continued collection of data for the 2023 and 2024 Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey (BRFSS) for a term ending September 30, 2025. This action will allow the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to oversample surveys in 2023 and 2024 for Bexar County and the remainder of the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The oversampling of BRFSS data beyond the 2022 calendar year will allow Metro Health to continue using the data to understand trends over time, particularly the long-term health of the population and address how the health of the county changes over time, both of which will not be possible with data from only 2022.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this contract not be authorized; Metro Health will be unable to extend the data sampling time frame for the purpose of collecting more surveys and will be unable to meet deliverables set forth in the CDC Health Disparities grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to increase the total compensation amount up to \$228,160.00, for the term ending September 30, 2025 and the continued collection of 2023 and 2024 Texas BRFSS survey data.