



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Approving amendments to agreements relating to the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance approves amendments to agreements with The Center for Health Care Services, Fiesta Youth, Healthy Futures of Texas, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, and San Antonio Nexus Connection for the expansion of education, testing, and outreach services related to HIV prevention and the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's (Metro Health) STD and HIV Prevention and Control program, at no additional cost with terms ending July 31, 2023.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Through Ordinance 2022-01-27-0042, City Council authorized the acceptance of funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in an amount of up to \$14,163,068.00, for 21 programs encompassing the public health functions of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, including the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant. The EHE grant aims to advance HIV prevention and surveillance efforts to reduce new HIV infections within marginalized communities of San Antonio. To fulfill requirements of the grant, under the same ordinance, City Council authorized the execution of associated contracts with The Center for Health Care Services,

Fiesta Youth, Healthy Futures of Texas, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, and San Antonio Nexus Connection, funded by the EHE grant, for an amount up to \$35,000.00 each. These agreements, in alignment with the EHE grant requirements, served to provide a peer recovery specialist for referrals to substance use disorder treatment programs, HIV and Syphilis testing, outreach, and participation in the End Stigma End HIV Alliance.

The current action will approve amendments to the agreements with The Center for Health Care Services, Fiesta Youth, Healthy Futures of Texas, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, and San Antonio Nexus Connection, funded by the EHE grant, will allow Metro Health to continue to fulfill requirements of the grant to advance HIV prevention and surveillance efforts to reduce new HIV infections within San Antonio. Amendments to the initial agreements will extend the services through July 31, 2023 and further provide for continued peer recruitment, linkage to services, HIV testing, outreach services, and expand the participation in the End Stigma End HIV Alliance to include data sharing.

**ISSUE:**

Metro Health is requesting approval of amendments to agreements relating to the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant with The Center for Health Care Services, Fiesta Youth, Healthy Futures of Texas, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, and San Antonio Nexus Connection to expand services for HIV prevention at no additional cost, with terms ending July 31, 2023.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should these agreements not be approved, Metro Health will be unable to meet requirements of the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant as funded by DSHS; thus, failing to meet program deliverables as well as failing to advance HIV prevention and surveillance efforts to reduce new HIV infections within San Antonio.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance approves amendments to agreements with The Center for Health Care Services, Fiesta Youth, Healthy Futures of Texas, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, and San Antonio Nexus Connection at no additional cost, for terms ending July 31, 2023. The amendments will allow for the expansion of HIV prevention services relating to the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant for Metro Health's STD and HIV Prevention and Control program. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council approve amendments to agreements with The Center for Health Care Services, Fiesta Youth, Healthy Futures of Texas, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, and San Antonio Nexus Connection to support Metro Health's STD and HIV Prevention and Control program.

