



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Accepting additional funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement

SUMMARY:

This ordinance approves the acceptance of additional grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$314,370.00 for a total grant amount of \$599,100.00 for a period beginning December 16, 2022 through January 31, 2025.

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; 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 state regulations mandated by the funding agency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The CDC established a public health crisis response funding mechanism in October 2017 to enhance the nation's ability to rapidly respond to public health emergencies. The CDC's previous emergency response experience demonstrates that quickly awarding funding to support immediate response activities can effectively mitigate negative health outcomes.

On March 16, 2022, Metro Health applied for the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). On April 25, 2022, the CDC placed Metro Health on the approved but unfunded (ABU) list for the funding opportunity. The CDC uses the ABU list for emergencies that require federal support to effectively respond to, manage, and address identified public health threats.

On November 18, 2022, the CDC announced activation of the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement to support state and local public health MPox response efforts. The CDC indicated that funding would be awarded to those jurisdictions on the approved but unfunded list with the highest number of MPox cases during October 2022.

Through ordinance 2023-01-26-0028, Metro Health accepted funds in the amount up to \$284,730.00 for the period of December 16, 2022 through December 15, 2023. On January 31, 2023, the CDC awarded Metro Health additional funds in the amount of \$314,370.00 for a total grant amount of \$599,100.00 for the period of December 16, 2022 through January 31, 2025.

ISSUE:

The Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement grant aims to provide funding for activities that will address urgent MPox response needs that span across public health programs.

Metro Health requests City Council approve the acceptance of additional grant funds from the CDC for Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement in an amount up to \$314,370.00 for a total grant award of \$599,100.00 for the period of December 16, 2022, through January 31, 2025. The original award was approved to be utilized to enhance the surveillance and response capacity of the department by transitioning MPOX vaccination, testing, and treatment activities to become a routine component of sexual health screening in Metro Health's STD Clinic. The additional funds will extend the services beyond the original grant term end date of December 16, 2023 to January 31, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will not be able to accept the additional grant funds from the CDC to further support initiatives relating to MPox activities beyond December 16, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of additional grant funds from the CDC for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement in an amount up to \$314,370.00 for a total award of \$599,100.00 for the period of December 16, 2022, through January 31, 2025.

There is no impact to the General Fund in the form of a cash match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve the acceptance of additional grant funds from the CDC for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement: MPox Response Funding in an amount up to \$314,370.00 for a total award of \$599,100.00 for the period of December 16, 2022, through January 31, 2025.