



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 Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Local Agency grant contract.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of additional grant funds from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$1,443,304.00 for a total grant award of \$7,585,526.00 for the term beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. The funding is dedicated to the WIC program which provides food, nutrition education, and breastfeeding promotion and supports qualified families.

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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 27, 2022, City Council authorized approval of Metro Health's annual state and federal pass-through grant awards for FY 2023, through ordinance 2022-01-27-0042. Metro Health anticipated receiving funds in the amount of \$6,107,243.00 for the WIC Local Agency grant contract. On July 1, 2022, Metro Health received a notice of award in the amount of \$6,142,222.00, awarding an additional \$34,979.00 which was within the 20% threshold of supplemental funds the Director of Metro Health was authorized to accept per the ordinance. Thereafter, Metro Health received a revised award on January 24, 2023, in the amount of \$7,585,526.00, equating to an additional \$1,443,304.00 for the grant period ending September 30, 2023.

The WIC Local Agency grant contract supports operating expenses and provides nutrition education, counseling, nutritious foods and assistance with access to health care for vulnerable populations. The WIC Program is designed to serve pregnant and post-partum women, infants and children who are at nutritional risk and have an income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or have been determined to be automatically income-eligible based on participation in certain programs.

Through this additional funding, Metro Health's WIC program anticipates renovating one or more of the following WIC Clinics: Salinas, Zarzamora, S. Flores, and Cross Creek to align with the Texas WIC Design Guidelines. Final renovations and clinics are subject to contractor quotes and fees. In addition, funding will allow the program to participate in a WIC pilot program which is a USDA initiative that allows the program to increase Texas children's access to healthy meals during the summer. All ten WIC Clinics will participate as meal sites in the Summer Food Service Program beginning in June through August 2023. Children between ages 1 to 18 are eligible to participate in the program and they do not have to be a WIC client to participate.

In addition, funds will support Metro Health's WIC program to continue to provide services and to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants and children who are at a nutritional risk.

ISSUE:

Metro Health is requesting City Council authorize the acceptance of additional grant funds from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$1,443,304.00 for a total grant award of \$7,585,526.00 for a period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 to provide additional support to the WIC program.

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ALTERNATIVES:

Should this ordinance not be authorized, Metro Health will forgo an opportunity to accept additional funding that would significantly enhance WIC program services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council authorize the acceptance of additional grant funds from the Texas HHSC in the amount of \$1,443,304.00 for a total grant award of \$7,585,526.00 for a period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 to provide additional support to the WIC program.