



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

An application and acceptance upon award of grant funds for a Nutrition Program for Older Adults

SUMMARY:

This ordinance approves an application and the acceptance of funding, if awarded, from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) for nutrition services in an amount approximating \$2,088,000.00, annually, from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026. This ordinance also approves a program budget of \$3,288,000.00, which includes a cash match of \$1,200,000.00, a grant award of \$2,088,000.00, and an associated personnel complement of 15 positions.

Furthermore, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Human Services to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents including a grant contract, and contract amendments; a) carryover funds; b) line item budget revisions; c) modifications to the performance measures so long as the terms of the amendment stay within the general parameters of the intent of the grant; d) no cost extensions; e) the acceptance of additional funding, if awarded, in an amount up to 20% of the total amount awarded to the grant, excluding those that require an additional cash match; f) reimbursement increases or decreases due to a change in the number of participant served; g) one-time equipment purchases or defined program services; and h) changes in regulation mandated..

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio Department of Human Services (DHS) provides congregate meals to older adults (60 years of age and older) living in San Antonio and Bexar County. This program is funded by the General Fund and federal grants, awarded since 1973, by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services through AACOG.

The Department of Human Services' Healthy Eating, Aging and Living (HEAL) program, formerly known as the Senior Nutrition Program (SNP), serves a hot meal at 44 Senior Centers and nutrition sites located through the community from Monday through Friday at noon.

On March 28, 2024, AACOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for supportive services, including nutrition services, with a closing date of April 22, 2024.

ISSUE:

For October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, AACOG awarded grant funds in the amount of \$2,088,000.00 for the congregate nutrition program with a required 10% cash match. The City of San Antonio provided an annual \$1,200,000.00 match to support the program.

The most recent RFP indicated total available annual funding of \$2.2 million for supportive services, including nutrition programs, for a period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026.

DHS recommends approval to accept the funds, if awarded, to support the HEAL program. Accepting grant funds for older adult programs is consistent with City Council's direction to provide access to older adult services throughout the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

If approval is not granted to accept funding, if awarded, the City will not receive necessary funding to support the HEAL program and funds would be awarded to another community provider. Should the City wish to continue providing nutrition services at the current level, additional City funds would need to be identified.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance approves the acceptance of funds upon award in the amount of \$2,088,000.00 from AACOG for a total program budget of \$3,288,000.00, which includes a 10% cash match of \$1,200,000.00, for the provision of older adult nutrition services. This grant application provides funding for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.