



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Update on mental health initiatives funded with American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

SUMMARY:

Metro Health will provide an update to the Public Safety Committee on the implementation of the mental health initiatives funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio received \$326.9 million in SLFRF Funds in 2021 and of this amount, the City Council authorized \$27.2 million for mental health programs. These programs were intended to expand over three years from 2023 to 2025.

In April 2022, the City Council charged the Public Safety Committee to oversee the development of the implementation plan for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Mental Health initiatives.

The implementation plan was approved by the Public Safety Committee on August 16, 2022 and subsequently by the City Council on September 1, 2022. The funds were allocated to provide mental health services to youth, older adults, homeless individuals, and victims of domestic violence in partnerships with non-profit organizations through a competitive process. The formal solicitation process was conducted through two solicitation processes in September 2022 and March 2023.

Through the competitive processes \$23,951,948 was awarded to 38 agencies and \$3,250,000 was allotted to existing city programs in the Metro Health and Human Services Departments. As of December 31, 2023, \$6.7 million has been spent or 24% of the total allocation. The balance of the funds will be spent over the next 24 months.

Attached is a summary of the funds allocated by Program and Agency.

ISSUE:

The Metro Health Department will provide an update to the Public Safety Committee on the implementation of the mental health initiatives funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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