

THIS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

ORDINANCE

ACCEPTING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,400,000.00 FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FOR COVID RESPONSE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE GRANT DELIVERABLES; RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE CITY'S COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022 AND INCREASE THE AGREEMENT BY \$3,200,000.00 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,620,704.00 FOR COVID-19 CASE INVESTIGATION AND CONTACT TRACING SERVICES AND WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO TO ADD \$358,912.00 INCREASING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT TO \$558,912.00 FOR COVID-19 VARIANT TESTING; AND AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT OF THIRTY POSITIONS.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio began responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in early February 2020; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio, like many other cities across the country, was impacted by the pandemic through an increased unemployment rate, reduction in City revenues, and impacts on certain economic sectors including the hospitality and travel industries; and

WHEREAS, as the public health district for unincorporated Bexar County and the City, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) actively addresses the public health functions of policy development, health assessment, and health assurance; and

WHEREAS, to carry out these responsibilities, Metro Health operates evidenced based programs in various settings throughout the County and provides programs to improve and protect the overall health of City residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, through various funding streams, Metro Health provides preventive health services, community education, environmental monitoring, emergency preparedness, disease control, supplemental nutrition programs, dental health, and clinical services to prevent communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Metro Health staff have been instrumental in the local effort to address the COVID-19 pandemic for more than a year; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act of 2020 allocated funds to the CDC, to States, localities, territories, tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, or health service providers to tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the availability of funds to achieve the goal of the CARES Act in preventing COVID-19 and protecting the American people from related public health impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities grant (COVID-19 CHW grant) is funding allocated by the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2021, Metro Health applied to the CDC for the COVID-19 CHW grant; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity supports efforts in preventing COVID-19 through training and deployment of Community Health Workers (CHWs) to build and strengthen community resilience by addressing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, a total of 9 full-time positions will be added as part of Metro Health's Community Health and Safety Division; and

WHEREAS, also as part of the COVID-19 CHW grant, this ordinance authorizes agreements with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, the Alamo Community Colleges District's Northwest Vista College and with the San Antonio Area Foundation to provide services related to the deliverables of the grant award; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, through Ordinance 2021-06-17-0446, City Council authorized acceptance of the CDC COVID-19 Health Disparities grant funds in the amount of \$26,596,171.00 and authorized certain agreements funded by the grant; and

WHEREAS, this action will approve an initial personnel complement of 21 full-time positions for Metro Health's CDC COVID-19 Health Disparities grant; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, the City executed a Professional Services Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSCH) to provide COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing services for San Antonio and Bexar County by recruiting, training and deploying COVID-19 case investigators and contact tracers; and

WHEREAS, this action ratifies the execution of an amendment to the agreement with UTHSCH to extend the term of the agreement through March 31, 2022 and add up to \$3,200,000.00 to continue contact tracing services imperative to the COVID-19 pandemic response increasing the cumulative amount of the contract to \$10,620,704.00; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, the City executed a Professional Services Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) to establish Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) capability to identify SARS-CoV-2 variants in circulation; and

WHEREAS, this action ratifies the execution of an amendment to the agreement with UTHSCSA to add up to \$358,912.00 increasing the cumulative amount of the contract to \$558,912.00 for the term ending March 30, 2022 to continue variant sequencing services imperative to the COVID-19 pandemic response;
NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is hereby authorized to accept grant funds in the amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.00 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through CARES Act funding, for the Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities Grant for a term beginning August 31, 2021 and ending August 30, 2022.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is further authorized to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and a grant contract to effectuate the acceptance of the grant funds referenced in Section 1 of this ordinance and to execute contract amendments pertaining to this contract in the following circumstances: a) line item budget revisions authorized by the funding agency; b) 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 grant's intention; c) changes in state or federal regulations mandated by the funding agency; and d) carry-over funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; and e) amendments which will provide supplemental grant funds to a grant by the funding agency in an amount up to 20% of the total amount initially awarded to the grant.

SECTION 3. Upon acceptance of this award, new funds and internal order numbers will be created, upon which the award amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.00 will be appropriated from CDC. The budget, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**, is approved and adopted for entry in the City books.

SECTION 4. The personnel complement of nine (9) positions for the grant referenced in Section 1 of this ordinance, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**, is hereby approved.

SECTION 5. The City Manager or designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee is authorized to negotiate and execute as part of the CDC's Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities grant agreements with the following related to the grant deliverables and to incorporate as attachments, project-specific scopes of work, performance measures, budgets and other items necessary to carry out the terms of the agreements:

- i. An agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for program evaluation services in the amount up to \$240,000.00.
- ii. An agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for Community Health Clubs in the amount up to \$432,692.00.

- iii. An agreement with Alamo Community Colleges District's Northwest Vista College to support the formal training of staff and community members through the Community Health Worker Level 1 Certificate Program in the amount up to \$43,000.00.
- iv. An agreement with the San Antonio Area Foundation to administer mini grant funding for community-based organizations to deploy community health workers in an amount up to \$300,000.00.

SECTION 6. The initial personnel complement of twenty one (21) positions for the previously accepted National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities (Health Disparities) grant which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment II** is hereby approved.

SECTION 7. The execution of the amendment with University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to continue to provide case investigation and contact tracing services for a term ending March 31, 2022 and adding \$3,200,000.00 increasing the cumulative amount of the contract to \$10,620,704.00 is hereby ratified. A copy of the amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment III**. This Ordinance authorizes funding for the amendment to an agreement with University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to continue to provide case investigation and contact tracing services for a term ending March 31, 2022 and includes an additional \$3,200,000.00 which will increase the cumulative amount of the contract to \$10,620,704.00. Funding is provided and budgeted in the Health Disparities grant fund and the Health Implementation Plan.

SECTION 8. The execution of the amendment with University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to provide COVID-19 variant testing services for a term ending March 30, 2022 and adding \$358,912.00 increasing the cumulative amount of the contract to \$558,912.00 is hereby ratified. A copy of the amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment IV**. This Ordinance authorizes funding for the amendment to an agreement with University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to continue to provide COVID-19 variant testing services for a term ending March 30, 2022 and includes an additional \$358,912.00 which will increase the cumulative amount of the contract to \$558,912.00. Funding is provided and budgeted in the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) grant fund.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance authorizes the expenditure, reimbursement, and allocation of funds, and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute any necessary agreements in accordance with federal grant criteria for the purpose of implementing the programs and priorities identified in this memorandum.

SECTION 10. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, Acting City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney