

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE \$20 MILLION TO THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD AND \$10 MILLION TO THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM THROUGH JUNE 1, 2022 TO PROVIDE HOUSEHOLD UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO SAN ANTONIO RESIDENTS WHO WERE FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 CRISIS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.

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WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, many residents have struggled financially due to unemployment or loss of job hours and income; and

WHEREAS, these residents found themselves unable to pay for basic needs including their monthly rent, mortgage, utility bills and food; and

WHEREAS, currently City Public Services Energy estimates that residents owe more than \$130 million in past due bills, with 67,636 customers eligible for service disconnection; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio Water System's estimates 61,965 residential customers are 60 days past due with over \$43 million balanced owed; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. Interlocal agreements to provide \$20 million to City Public Service Board ("CPS Energy") and \$10 million to the San Antonio Water System ("SAWS") through June 1, 2022 to provide household utility assistance to San Antonio residents who were financially impacted by the Covid-19 crisis during the dates March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, are approved.

SECTION 2. Amendments to the Agreements to improve operations in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds grant and upon approval by the City Attorney's Office, so long as amendments do not exceed the total amount of \$30 million, are approved.

SECTION 3. Current funding is available in Internal Order 138000003179, GL 5202040, Fund 2100700002 entitled "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery" for a total amount of \$30,000,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment not to exceed \$20,000,000.00 is authorized to CPS Energy and payment not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 is authorized to SAWS to assist low-income customers residing in San Antonio who were financially impacted by COVID-19 upon issuance of purchase orders.

SECTION 5. 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 Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. 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