



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 28.

Agenda Date: December 2, 2021

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Professional Service Agreement authorizing BCFS Health and Human Services, Emergency Management Division to provide consultation for disability inclusion to the City of San Antonio.

SUMMARY:

An ordinance approving a professional services contract with BCFS Health and Human Services, Emergency Management Division (BCFS HHS EMD), not to exceed \$185,264.10, to provide consulting services regarding emergency planning and response inclusion for people with disabilities and other access and functional needs to the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM). The contract is effective December 3, 2021, to September 30, 2022. Funding is available in the City's FY 2022 General Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio has shown commitment to individuals with disabilities and access and functional needs by providing accessible American Sign Language emergency alerts, establishing the Disability Access Advisory Committee (DAAC), and ensuring all public meetings are accessible.

Ensuring that emergency preparedness and response reflect how the City of San Antonio will aid the most vulnerable during a crisis or disaster has become a priority as a result of the 2021

Winter Storm Uri.

The agreement with BCFS HHS EMD will review and assist with the revision of the City's emergency operations plans and processes in order to ensure appropriate integration for disability inclusion in disasters. The contract will include a gap analysis report, recommended corrective actions report, community engagement with critical disability stakeholders, and community feedback sessions

BCFS HHS EMD is a national subject matter expert and will assist SAOEM to ensure inclusionary planning and programs that comply with state and federal regulations. These regulations include the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), FEMA Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Populations Shelters, Texas Government Code Chapter 418 - Section 5 Subsection J, and BCFS's best practices and lessons learned from review and development of revised emergency operations plans for the State of Texas, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Phoenix, San Diego UASI Region, New York City, and the District of Columbia.

ISSUE:

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ALTERNATIVES:

An assessment similar to what is recommended with this council action has not been done for the City of San Antonio.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds in the amount \$185,264.10 are available in the FY 2022 General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends approval of a professional services contract with BCFS HHS EMD to provide a comprehensive disability inclusion of an amount not to exceed \$185,264.10.

