



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Human Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Melody Woosley

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Ordinance is seeking authorization to apply and accept upon award an additional \$5,328,848 for a total amount of \$6,528,848 in reimbursement, which includes a previously council authorized amount of \$1,200,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Category B Public Assistance program to support the temporary non-congregate shelter operations to limit the spread of COVID-19; approving contracts, amendments and extensions, in support of such operations; and accepting up to 20% additional funding if awarded.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the application and acceptance upon award of an additional \$5,328,848 for a total amount of \$6,528,848 in reimbursement, which includes a previously council authorized amount of \$1,200,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Category B Public Assistance program to support the temporary non-congregate shelter operations to limit the spread of COVID-19. Funding will provide 100% reimbursement to the City for uncovered expenses incurred to provide non-congregate shelter operations to protect the community from the spread of COVID-19. This ordinance also ratifies previously authorized contracts with facility and support services operators who have supported the City's non-congregate shelter operations in 2021. This additional funding will address funding gaps.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Since April 2020, the City of San Antonio has funded two non-congregate shelters in hotel facilities to respond to the pandemic supported by Coronavirus Relief Funds and Emergency Solutions Grant. Together, these facilities have prevented significant outbreaks from occurring at congregate shelters.

The Isolation Care Facility (ICF) provides isolation sheltering for people who have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19 and who cannot safely self-isolate. The ICF was operated by the San Antonio Fire Department from April 2020 to January 2021. Since then, it has been operated by Endeavors, a local nonprofit, under direction of the Department of Human Services. Many clients come from congregate homeless shelters and return after their safe isolation period. Since inception, the ICF has served nearly 3,000 individuals.

Second is a non-congregate sheltering for people experiencing homelessness who are enrolled in Haven for Hope and are at increased medical risk of contracting COVID-19 or suffering from complications due to COVID-19. Since opening as a functional extension of the Haven for Hope campus, the non-congregate setting has served approximately 1,900 individuals. The hotel facility allows for social distancing of individuals out of congregate settings, with rooms prioritized for the most medically vulnerable. By providing this shelter alternative, the population at Haven for Hope avoided significant COVID-19 outbreaks.

The FEMA Category B Public Assistance program supports funding of non-congregate sheltering for COVID-19 prevention. The program normally requires a 25% local match; however, that requirement was waived by the White House in January 2021 and extended through April 1, 2022.

## **ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the application and acceptance upon award of funding in an amount not to exceed \$6,528,848 million through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Category B Public Assistance program to support the non-congregate shelter operations. Cost reimbursement is anticipated to be 100% and require no local match.

In addition, this ordinance ratifies and/or authorizes staff to execute amendments or extensions to the following agreements, as necessary, for non-congregate sheltering operations to continue services:

- Endeavors: staffing 24/7 of ICF to include client intake, coordination of meals, data tracking, and coordination with other agencies
- Selrico: cleaning of ICF rooms to disinfect upon client exit
- Division Laundry: linen laundry of ICF rooms
- Haven for Hope: operating agreement for non-congregate shelter operations
- Holiday Inn: lease agreement through August 2022
- La Quinta Market Square: lease agreement for ICF through July 2021

· La Quinta Horizon Hill: lease agreement for ICR commencing July 2021

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If this ordinance is not approved, funding would need to be identified out of other funding sources thereby shortening the amount of funds and timeframe we have to support this program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the application and acceptance upon award of an additional \$5,328,848 for a total amount of \$6,528,848 in reimbursement, which includes a previously council authorized amount of \$1,200,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Category B Public Assistance program to support the temporary non-congregate shelter operations to limit the spread of COVID-19 . Funding will provide 100% reimbursement to the City for uncovered expenses incurred to provide non-congregate shelter operations to protect the community from the spread of COVID-19. This ordinance also ratifies previously authorized contracts with facility and support services operators who have supported the City's non-congregate shelter operations in 2021. This additional funding will address funding gaps.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance authorizing the application and acceptance upon award of \$6,528,848 in total in reimbursement from the FEMA Category B Public Assistance program, in support of temporary non-congregate shelter operations to limit the spread of COVID-19 and approving contracts extensions and amendments in support of such operations.