



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Mental Health Implementation Plan for the distribution of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF).

SUMMARY:

This ordinance will approve the Mental Health Implementation Plan for the distribution of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$26 million.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 3, 2022, City Council approved the spending framework for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. On February 3rd, City Council approved a spending framework for the use of ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF). This Spending framework supports the continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic and addresses community priorities. Included in this framework is the allocation of \$26 million to support Mental Health.

On April 19, 2022, the San Antonio Metro Health Department provided a briefing to the Public

Safety Committee on the mental health programs currently funded by the City of San Antonio. Subsequently, on June 10, 2022, the Public Safety Committee received a briefing on a draft implementation plan and stakeholder engagement plan.

San Antonio Metro Health District held two public input meetings, two provider and stakeholder feedback sessions, one session with school districts, and two sessions with faith leaders from June 23 to July 21, 2022. The purpose of these sessions was to share the draft implementation plan presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 10 and gather suggestions on proposed funding priorities, programs and strategies

On August 16, 2022, the Public Safety Committee was provided with the stakeholder and community input gathered in June and July. At this same meeting the Public Safety Committee was presented with a revised implementation plan reflecting public input. This implementation plan allocates \$22.75 of the \$26 million to a competitive process to eligible organizations to assist the City in delivering services recommended within the plan.

Attached to this agenda memo is the proposed implementation plan, community input report, and the August 16 presentation made to the Public Safety Committee.

ISSUE:

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department (MetroHealth) will utilize the approved implementation plan for the use of ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF) for Mental Health initiatives in the amount of \$26 million over two years.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the City Council choose to not approve this item, MetroHealth will delay the competitive process, collect feedback from the City Council and make updates to the proposed implementation plans for future consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Mental Health Implementation Plan is for \$26 million over two years and will be funded from the ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds (SLRF).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.