



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

STD/HIV Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Additional Funds

SUMMARY:

Authorizing the acceptance of additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds upon award from the Texas Department of Health State Services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health)'s STD/HIV Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) grant for a period ending December 31, 2022 and accepting funds for the grant term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and approving an existing personnel complement.

Furthermore, this ordinance authorizes the Director of Metro Health to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and a grant contract to effectuate the acceptance of the referenced grant, and to execute contract amendments pertaining to this contract, to include a) carryover funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award b) line-item budget revisions authorized by the funding agency; c) 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 intent of the grant; d) no cost extensions; e) amendments which will provide supplemental grant funds to the grant by the funding agency in an amount up to 20% of the total amount initially awarded to the grant; f) reimbursement increases of administrative funds for each participant served; g) amendments

funding one time equipment purchases or defined program services; and h) changes in regulations mandated by the funding agency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As the public health district for unincorporated Bexar County and the City, Metro Health actively addresses the public health functions of policy development, health assessment, and health assurance. To carry out these responsibilities, Metro Health operates evidenced based programs in various settings throughout the County. The STD/HIV Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) grant is part of the 21 Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) grant awards that Metro Health takes to council every year as part of the Mega Memo, most recently passed on January 27, 2022. Through Ordinance 2022-01-27-0042, City Council approved the acceptance of up to \$571,977.00 for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending August 30, 2022 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Disease Intervention Specialists Workforce Grant.

On August 11, 2022, Metro Health received notification of the availability of additional funding in an amount up to \$376,325.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$948,302.00 for a grant period ending December 31, 2022. The STD/HIV program will use this additional funding to support resources necessary to effectively provide public health follow up services and intervene in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases in the Bexar County community. The funds will be used to provide the necessary supplies, equipment, furniture and training to support the STD/HIV DIS team and support the program's efforts to reduce the occurrence of STDs through disease surveillance, case and outbreak investigation, screening, preventive therapy, outreach, diagnosis, case management, and education.

Additionally, Metro Health was notified DSHS will renew the STD/DIS grant contract for a new term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$571,977.00.

ISSUE:

Historically, the State of Texas has provided funding to the City of San Antonio for service delivery in health and disease prevention. Currently, this includes 21 program grants and contracts through the Texas Department of State Health Services authorized through the Mega Memo passed on January 27, 2022 through Ordinance 2022-01-27-0042.

This ordinance will authorize Metro Health to accept additional funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services in an amount up to \$376,325.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$948,302.00 for the STD/HIV Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) grant for a grant period ending December 31, 2022. This ordinance also accepts funding in an amount not to exceed \$571,977.00 for the grant term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 and approves an existing personnel complement of seven positions.

ALTERNATIVES:

Approval of this ordinance will authorize the acceptance of additional funds through the STD/HIV Disease Intervention Specialist grant for the continuity of Metro Health services. Should City Council not approve the acceptance of the additional funding, funds will be redistributed to other grantees, limiting opportunities to provide STD/HIV services to San Antonio and Bexar County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of additional American Rescue Plan Act funds upon award from the Texas Department of Health State Services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's STD/HIV Disease Intervention Specialist grant in the amount up to \$376,325.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$948,302.00 for a period ending December 31, 2022. This ordinance also accepts funding in an amount not to exceed \$571,977.00 for the grant term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and approves a personnel complement of seven positions.

There is no impact to the General Fund in the form of a cash match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of additional funds upon award from the Texas Department of Health State Services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's STD/HIV Disease Intervention Specialist grant for the term ending December 31, 2022 and acceptance of grant funds for the grant term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.