



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

An ordinance approving acceptance of funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement grant in an amount up to \$284,730.00 for the period of December 16, 2022, through December 15, 2023.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance approves the acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$284,730.00 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement grant for the term December 16, 2022 through December 15, 2023.

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) carry-over 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 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 state regulations mandated by the funding agency.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

CDC established a public health crisis response funding mechanism in October 2017 to enhance the nation's ability to rapidly respond to public health emergencies. CDC's previous emergency response experience demonstrates that quickly awarding initial funding to support immediate response activities can effectively mitigate negative health outcomes.

On March 16, 2022 Metro Health submitted an application to apply for the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Later, on April 25, 2022 Metro Health received notice the CDC placed Metro Health on the approved but unfunded (ABU) list for the funding opportunity. The CDC uses the ABU list for emergencies that require federal support to effectively respond to, manage, and address identified public health threats.

On November 18, 2022, the CDC announced the activation of the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement to support state and local public health MPOX response efforts. The CDC will award funding to those jurisdictions on the approved but unfunded list and with the highest number of MPOX cases during October 2022.

## **ISSUE:**

Metro Health requests City Council approve the acceptance funds from the CDC for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement grant in an amount up to \$284,730.00 for the period of December 16, 2022 through December 16, 2023. The funds will be utilized to enhance the surveillance and response capacity of the department by transitioning MPOX vaccination, testing, and treatment activities to become a routine component of sexual health screening in Metro Health's STD Clinic.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council choose not to approve this ordinance, Metro Health will not be able to utilize these funds to support initiatives related to addressing MPOX locally.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement grant aims to provide funding for activities that will address urgent MPOX response needs that span across public health programs.

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the CDC for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement grant in an amount up to \$284,730.00 for the period of December 16, 2022, through December 15, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council approve the acceptance of funds from the CDC for the Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement: MPOX Response Funding in an amount up to \$284,730.00 for the period of December 16, 2022, through December 15, 2023.