



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2600, **Version:** 1

Department: Public Health Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Award

Project ID (if applicable): ARPA_REPHEALT

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Omar Welfare Association

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: Exempt - Funding Source

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by Public Health Services for approval to execute a subrecipient agreement with Omar Welfare Association in the amount of \$427,548.00 for the American Rescue Plan Act Reproductive Healthcare Access Fund project.

Background and Discussion:

COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted reproductive healthcare, disrupting access to services such as contraceptives, routine screenings, and family planning services due to healthcare shortages and precautions. In response, the Reproductive Healthcare Access Fund (RHAF) project aims to increase outreach, education, and direct utilization of reproductive healthcare services. This objective is achieved through supplemental funding to grassroots organizations that provide direct clinical reproductive health services in targeted areas and/or educate, promote, and connect Harris County community members to reproductive healthcare services within identified target areas.

Expected Impact:

Establish a comprehensive approach towards reproductive outreach and education to clients, community members, and leaders within Harris County. The subrecipient's Outreach and Education plan consists of reproductive health education materials, hosting community events, and creating partnerships to expand access. These activities will help priority populations and communities to increase education, reduce early/unplanned pregnancies, provide tobacco cessation and other related topics.

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
☐ Economic Opportunity
☐ Housing
☒ Public Health
☐ Transportation
☐ Flooding
☐ Environment
☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
03/14/2023	12	Financial Authorization Request for ARPA Local Recovery funding for the Reproductive Healthcare Access Fund. Approval of RFA process, project proposal, and budget.

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Reproductive Healthcare Access Fund			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
2651 - American Rescue Plan 2021	\$	\$89,073	\$89,073	\$338,476
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$89,073	\$89,073	\$338,476
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$89,073	\$89,073	\$338,476
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: April 23, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): April 23, 2024

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Subrecipient agreement