

**RESOLUTION NO. 167-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE VARIOUS  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS REGARDING COVID-19 GRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Abilene, Health Department, has received a Workforce grant in the amount of \$1,511,180, and a Health Equity grant in the amount of \$400,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Workforce grant is to establish, expand, train, and sustain the public health workforce to support COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Public health agencies are expected to use the funding to recruit, hire, and train personnel to address projected jurisdictional COVID-19 response needs to include hiring personnel to build capacity to address public health priorities deriving from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Health Equity grant is to ensure community engagement in targeted communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the following professional services relating to COVID-19 will be needed for the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District in furtherance of the Grant purposes:

1. Grant Manager;
2. Media Specialist;
3. Licensed Vocational Nurse;
4. PHEP Consultant;
5. Training Specialist;
6. Assistant Director of Nursing;
7. Data Analyst;
8. Health Equity Specialist; and
9. Epidemiologist.

**WHEREAS**, request is made that the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute various Professional Services Agreements in response to and in furtherance of the Workforce grant and the Health Equity grant in cumulative amounts not to exceed the grant amounts.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

Part 1: That the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas authorized the City Manager to negotiation and execute various Professional Services Agreement in response to and in furtherance of the purposes of the Workforce grant in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$1,511,180.00, and the Health Equity grant in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

Part 2: That this Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021.**

ATTEST:



Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary



Anthony Williams, Mayor

APPROVED:



Stanley Smith, City Attorney

