



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/19/2019

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HFD - Grant from Episcopal Health Foundation

Agenda Item#: 5.

Summary:

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and Episcopal Health Foundation to provide funding for the Emergency Telehealth and Navigation Program ("ETHAN") for the Houston Fire Department; containing provisions related to the subject; and declaring an emergency.

Background:

The Fire Chief for the Houston Fire Department ("HFD") recommends that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing a Grant Agreement with Episcopal Health Foundation for the Foundation to provide \$500,000.00 to the City ("Grant").

The Grant period is from the Countersignature Date of the Grant Agreement between the City and Foundation through June 30, 2020. Within 30 days of the Countersignature Date, the Foundation will transfer or cause the transfer to the City of \$500,000.00. With the authority to apply for, accept, and expend the grant funds, as awarded with the grant not to exceed five years.

The purpose of the Grant is to temporarily fund the HFD Emergency Medical Service's mobile integrated healthcare program, known as the Emergency Telehealth and Navigation Program ("ETHAN Program"), from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The Grant Agreement will support ETHAN Program while the City pursues sustainable funding for the ETHAN Program. The goals of the ETHAN Program are to allow clients to access the most appropriate healthcare services at the "right time and place", decrease inappropriate use of local ambulances and hospital emergency department, and improve EMS efficiency.

Fiscal Note:

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

Samuel Peña
Chief, Houston Fire Department

Amount of Funding:

\$500,000.00

Fund 5040 - Other Government

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Description

Episcopal Health Grant Agreement

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