

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-104 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 RESOLUTION

2 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
3 THE COVID-19 AND INFLUENZA VACCINE UPTAKE INITIATIVE WITH THE  
4 NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 THROUGH FISCAL  
5 YEAR 2024.

6 WHEREAS, Community Action Grants in the amount of \$100,000 aimed at  
7 supporting cities with a more targeted approach to vaccination efforts are  
8 available from the National Council on Aging (NCOA); and

9 WHEREAS, eligible activities aligned with the goal of this funding  
10 opportunity include hosting community vaccination clinics, arranging and  
11 providing accessible transportation to vaccination sites, conducting outreach,  
12 education, and decision support to older adults and people with disabilities  
13 regarding Covid-19 and Influenza vaccines; and

14 WHEREAS, during the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the City of  
15 Albuquerque's Department of Senior Affairs (DSA), in partnership with the State  
16 of New Mexico's Aging and Long-Term Services Department (NMALTSO) and  
17 the 311 Community Contact Center, helped register 4,500 Albuquerque metro  
18 area seniors 60 years old and up in the New Mexico Department of Health's  
19 (NMDOH) vaccination database for the purpose of obtaining Covid-19  
20 vaccinations; and

21 WHEREAS, DSA developed technology services and programming for older  
22 adults, who because they lacked internet access or technological skills, had  
23 become disenfranchised by the online registration system; and

24 WHEREAS, at one point in time, DSA had dedicated 46 team members to  
25 registration efforts in order to ease barriers for metro-area seniors and staff  
26 were provided with access to and training in the NMDOH database and Health

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1 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training through  
2 coordinated efforts with NMALTS; and

3 WHEREAS, nearly nine in 10 deaths from COVID are among people 65 and  
4 over, and 70-85% of seasonal flu-related deaths occur in older adults, according  
5 to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

6 WHEREAS, DSA plans to increase outreach and education for seniors and  
7 disabled individuals on the importance of continuing to be vaccinated; and

8 WHEREAS, DSA plans to work with the City's Office of Equity and Inclusion  
9 and their language access services to ensure that outreach and education is  
10 provided in a wide variety of languages; and

11 WHEREAS, this funding opportunity has a main goal to increase the number  
12 of older adults and people with disabilities receiving Covid-19 and Influenza  
13 vaccinations; and

14 WHEREAS, grant awards will support a larger national vaccination program,  
15 funded under the U.S. Administration for Community's Living, Covid-19 and  
16 Influenza Vaccine Uptake Initiative for Older Adults and People with Disabilities,  
17 under which NCOA was funded; and

18 WHEREAS, increasing access to vaccinations aligns with the City's FY23  
19 Budget Human and Family Development Goal and Desired Condition of  
20 increasing access to health care services; and

21 WHEREAS, the City desires to appropriate these funds and City funds in  
22 the amount of \$100,000 from the Operating Grants Fund 265.

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
24 ALBUQUERQUE:

25 Section 1. That the application for aid for financing of vaccination  
26 initiatives with the NCOA in the amount of \$100,000 is hereby approved, and  
27 its acceptance and filing with the appropriate official or office is in all respects  
28 approved.

29 Section 2. That upon award, funds in the amount of \$100,000 in federal  
30 funds from the NCOA is hereby appropriated to the Department of Senior  
31 Affairs in the Operating Grant Fund 275 for Fiscal Year 2023.

Section 3. That in the event this grant is received, upon execution of an agreement of the parties, the amounts indicated above will be adjusted to reflect actual Federal participation.

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