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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-104 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

Approving And Authorizing The Filing Of A Grant Application For The Covid-19 And Influenza Vaccine Uptake Initiative With The National Council On Aging, For Fiscal Year 2023 Through Fiscal Year 2024 (Peña, Jones)

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, DSA developed technology services and programming for older adults, who

because they lacked internet access or technological skills, had become disenfranchised by the online registration system; and

WHEREAS, at one point in time, DSA had dedicated 46 team members to registration efforts in order to ease barriers for metro-area seniors and staff were provided with access to and training in the NMDOH database and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training through coordinated efforts with NMALTS; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, grant awards will support a larger national vaccination program, funded under the U.S. Administration for Community's Living, Covid-19 and Influenza Vaccine Uptake Initiative for older adults and people with disabilities, under which NCOA was funded; and

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

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

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

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

Section 2. That upon award, funds in the amount of \$100,000 in federal funds from the NCOA is hereby appropriated to the Department of Senior 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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