

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Ron Nirenberg

FROM: Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda

COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Reproductive Justice Fund

DATE: November 22, 2024

Mayor Nirenberg,

The purpose of this Memo is to formalize in writing our shared and publicly stated commitment to ensure that the City of San Antonio uphold the initial intent of the Reproductive Justice Fund by identifying additional funds specifically for downstream services. City Council allocated \$500,000 on Sept. 14, 2023, to establish a Reproductive Justice Fund and with City Staff recommendation the allotment of these funds were to be spread across Upstream, Midstream, and Downstream services.

I appreciate all of City Staff's work to successfully award the initial Reproductive Justice Funds RFP. However, it was made evident during the presentation of the awardees and the services they provided that we were not able to provide key downstream direct services. In following with our City Council discussion on October 16, 2024, whereby several City Council Members and yourself acknowledged this missed opportunity, we publicly stated that we would seek a solution to address this missed opportunity. As such, I am formally requesting we identify additional funding of at least \$100,000 for the Reproductive Justice Fund, for the targeted purpose of providing downstream services that were not met through the already awarded funds.

Additionally, I am proposing that we close this gap by working directly with the existing pool of applicant organizations that applied to the RFP and those who worked to establish the Reproductive Justice Fund to ensure that the recipient(s) of the funds can provide the targeted services required to meet this time sensitive and crucial need.

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