

NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Briefing Paper

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2027 Funding for Nueces County Healthcare Services

Purpose

To brief the Board of Managers regarding proposed Fiscal Year 2027 funding for specified Nueces County healthcare services and the associated resolution providing for the funding.

Background

Since Fiscal Year 2000, at the request of the Nueces County Commissioners Court, the District has annually allocated Non-Tax Funds and Tobacco Settlement Funds in its budget to support County-related healthcare services authorized under applicable law.

For Fiscal Year 2027, Commissioners Court has again requested that the District allocate funding for specified County healthcare services. The proposed resolution provides for these expenditures from District Non-Tax Funds and the Tobacco Settlement Fund, subject to the continuing availability of those funding sources.

Fiscal Year 2027 Funding

The proposed resolution provides \$14,898,201 in Fiscal Year 2027 funding for the County healthcare services identified in Attachment A. The funding would be incorporated into the District's FY 2027 Annual Budget and used solely for the identified purposes or related efforts.

The funding schedule encompasses mental and behavioral health services, public health, emergency medical services, healthcare for juvenile detainees and jail inmates, substance use-related services, diabetes programs, air ambulance services, and community-based public health initiatives.

Major Healthcare Service Allocations

The largest allocation is \$8,528,568 for inmate healthcare services at the Nueces County Jail and McKenzie Jail Annex. Mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services total \$2,964,883, consisting of \$969,129 for local match and other NCMHID funding and \$1,995,754 for mental health, crisis response, jail diversion, competency restoration, and related programs.

The schedule also provides \$1,860,000 for the County's expense share for the City/County Public Health District and mobile clinic; \$650,000 for specified emergency medical services; and \$474,000 for juvenile detainee healthcare services. Additional allocations support substance use services, juvenile and adult diabetes programs, nonprofit air ambulance service, and public health grants.

Funding Sources and Eligibility

The \$14,898,201 County Healthcare Services Funding Amount would be paid from the District's Non-Tax Funds and Tobacco Settlement Fund. The resolution identifies these expenditures as statutorily authorized healthcare expenditures and as qualifying claims for tobacco settlement distributions.

Use of the funding remains subject to the continuing availability of Non-Tax Funds and Tobacco Settlement Funds.

Funding Administration and Accountability

The Administrator would be directed to incorporate the \$14,898,201 funding amount into the District's Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget in accordance with Attachment A. Nueces County would be responsible for ensuring that funds disbursed for the identified healthcare services are used solely for their intended purposes or related efforts.

The Administrator would be authorized to determine the manner, schedule, and basis for disbursement following the commencement of Fiscal Year 2027 and to take the actions and execute the documents necessary to implement the resolution.

Fiscal Impact

FY 2027 Funding: \$14,898,201

Funding Sources: District Non-Tax Funds and Tobacco Settlement Fund

Inmate Healthcare Services: \$8,528,568

Mental Health and IDD Services: \$2,964,883

Public Health District and Mobile Clinic: \$1,860,000

Emergency Medical Services: \$650,000

Juvenile Detainee Healthcare Services: \$474,000

The remaining funding supports substance use-related services, diabetes programs, air ambulance services, and public health grants as detailed in Attachment A.

Board Consideration

The Board is being asked to consider adoption of the resolution providing Fiscal Year 2027 funding for Nueces County healthcare services. Adoption would establish the total funding amount and funding sources, provide for incorporation of the allocations into the FY 2027 Annual Budget, require use of the funds for their intended purposes or related efforts, and authorize the Administrator to administer and disburse the funds.

Summary

The proposed resolution continues the District's longstanding support of County-related healthcare services and provides \$14,898,201 in Non-Tax Funds and Tobacco Settlement Funds for Fiscal Year 2027. The funding supports a broad range of mental and behavioral health, public health, emergency medical, detainee and inmate healthcare, substance use, chronic disease, air ambulance, and community health services identified in Attachment A.