

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) FOR THE INNOVATIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH GRANT, IN THE ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 PER GRANT YEAR, WITH NO MATCH FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM FROM DECEMBER 01, 2026 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2031, FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM THE AWARD OF THIS GRANT. ANY FUNDING AS A RESULT OF THIS APPLICATION WILL BE APPROPRIATED IN THE LAREDO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND – INNOVATIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH GRANT.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Laredo Public Health Department wishes to apply for this funding opportunity by the Department of Health and Human Services for the Innovative Mental Health Services Research Grant. Through this award, the City of Laredo Public Health Department, in collaboration with the Laredo Frontline Integrated Response Safety Team (FIRST) – City of Laredo Police Department, will be able to conduct research to improve outcomes for individuals experiencing mental health related emergencies. This collaborative effort will generate data and insights to inform and enhance the design, accessibility, effectiveness, and continuity of mental health services. The focus will be on identifying strategies that maximize public health impact and benefit individuals who are living with or are at risk of developing mental illness, particularly in underserved and high-need populations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:**

**Section 1:** The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Innovative Mental Health Services Research Grant, in the total estimated amount of \$400,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for a five (5) year term from December 01, 2026 through November 30, 2031, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant. Any funding as a result of this application will be appropriated in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund – Innovative Mental Health Services Research Grant.

**Section 2:** Funds will be appropriated once awarded.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARIO I. MALDONADO JR.**  
**CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
**DOANH T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY**

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**AMBER R. HOLMES**  
**ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**