

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

AGENDA DATE: 7/23/13

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Linda Ball Thomas, 541-4102

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Approve a resolution to support the Enroll El Paso Collaborative in its efforts to submit a grant application to train and certify Navigators to assist the uninsured in El Paso County establish eligibility and enroll in the health insurance marketplace created by the patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Enroll El Paso Collaborative is a coalition of community-based organizations in the County of El Paso that will partner to perform Navigator duties as prescribed by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Coalition is led by the United Way of El Paso County in partnership with the City, the County, the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, The El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, El Paso County Medical Society, Del Sol Medical Center, El Paso Cancer Consortium and Sierra Providence Health Network.

COUNCIL ACTION:

The Council has regularly supported these types of collaborations.

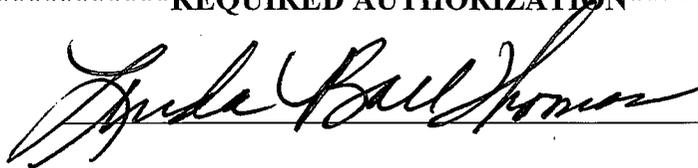
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No cost to the City of El Paso

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“Affordable Care Act”) was signed into law on March 30, 2010 in order to increase the rate of health insurance coverage for Americans and reduce the overall costs of health care.

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act requires that Insurance Exchanges be established to facilitate purchase of health insurance coverage for all Americans starting October 1, 2013 through an electronic health insurance marketplace and Texas will participate in a federally-facilitated marketplace or exchange.

WHEREAS, in order to assist consumers as they apply for and choose new insurance options and find the most affordable coverage that meets their healthcare needs, the Affordable Care Act also requires that a Navigator program be established by the exchanges.

WHEREAS, Navigators will play a vital role in helping consumers establish eligibility and enroll in the health insurance marketplace and must complete comprehensive training to provide outreach and awareness about the exchanges, refer consumers to health insurance ombudsman/assistance programs, and assist in preparation of electronic and paper applications.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has established a federal grant program to enable states and local communities to train and certify Navigators that will assist consumers.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 200,000 uninsured residents in the City and County of El Paso.

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso participates in the Enroll El Paso Collaborative, along with the United Way of El Paso County, El Paso del Norte Health Foundation, County of El Paso, Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, El Paso County Medical Society, Del Sol Medical Center, El Paso Cancer Consortium and Sierra Providence Health Network , that was created to apply for funding for Navigators in order to establish a Navigator program;

WHEREAS, the United Way is the lead agency in the Enroll El Paso Collaborative and is preparing an application for a federal grant to fund the training and certification of Navigators in El Paso County to primarily locate and assist the uninsured in establishing eligibility and enroll in the health insurance marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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1. That the City of El Paso supports the goals of the Enroll El Paso Collaborative to establish a program to help El Paso County consumers understand new health care coverage options and
2. That the City of El Paso supports the efforts of the Enroll El Paso Collaborative to submit a federal grant application to fund the training and certification of Navigators to identify and assist the uninsured in establishing eligibility and enrolling in the health insurance marketplace created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2013.

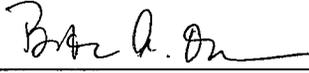
CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bertha A. Ontiveros
Senior Assistant City Attorney

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