

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Robert Ojeda, Fire Chief

**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

**COPIES:** J. Rolando Bono, Deputy City Manager; File

**SUBJECT:** Authorizing the Acceptance of Federal Grant Funds from the 2002 FIRE Act Grant Program

**DATE:** November 21, 2002

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept grant funds in the amount of \$196,640 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the FIRE Act Grant Program, for a period beginning October 1, 2002 and ending September 30, 2003. A City match of 30% totaling \$58,992 is required.

Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is authorized to make funds available for Fiscal year 2002 under the FIRE Act grant program. These funds must be committed by September 30, 2003. The San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) requested funds in the amount of \$196,640 including a \$58,992 City match of that total. Funds will be utilized by SAFD's Training Division to provide hands-on continuing education hours for firefighting personnel in large square footage commercial structures.

The scope of the grant project is to conduct full-scale exercises using "train the trainer" field instructors at leased commercial structures. They will reinforce basic firefighting tactics while providing training in large square footage structures. Additional emphasis will be placed on fire ground accountability, incident command, incident safety, and rapid intervention team (RIT) procedures.

It is the goal of this grant project to increase firefighter awareness about the dangers of fighting fires inside large square footage structures with low or zero visibility conditions. This is an area where an increase in firefighter injuries and deaths has occurred, and where SAFD lacks in training.

## **POLICY ANALYSIS**

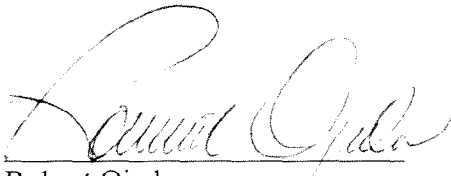
This ordinance continues the City's policy of seeking outside resources for the enhancement of Department programs. Although the Department has previously applied for the FIRE Act grant, this is the first grant award.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

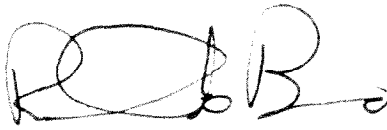
There is a required City match of 30% of the total amount requested totaling \$58,992. These funds will be utilized out of existing funds within the Department's budget.

## **COORDINATION**

This ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.



Robert Ojeda  
Fire Chief



J. Rolando Bono  
Deputy City Manager

Approved:



Terry M. Brechtel  
City Manager

**Federal Emergency Management Agency FIRE Act Grant**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 10-01-2002 TO 09-30-2003**  
**FUND AND PROJECT 26-056045**

INDEX CODE	OBJ CODE	Current Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
FEMA GRANT		137,648.00
CITY MATCH		<u>58,992.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<u><u>\$ 196,640.00</u></u>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>ACTIVITY 20-03-02 Training</b>		
Overtime	01-011	\$ 39,048.00
Rental of Facilities	02-116	75,000.00
Other Commodities	03-244	6,800.00
Computer Equipment	05-360	6,400.00
Machinery and Equipment- other	05-373	10,400.00
City Match	81-510	<u>58,992.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL 20-03-02</b>		<u><u>\$ 196,640.00</u></u>
 <b>FUND ONLY INDEX CODE</b>		