

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Fernando A. Guerra, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Health

THROUGH Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE ONGOING PUBLIC CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

DATE: October 24, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept funding in the amount of \$725,000.00 from the Department of the Air Force to continue support for the on-going Public Center for Environmental Health operated by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003. This ordinance further establishes a fund, adopts a budget, approves a personnel complement, and authorizes payments for contractual services.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND

In an ordinance passed and approved September 27, 2001, the City entered into a ten-year cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Air Force for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to establish and operate a Public Center for Environmental Health (PCEH).

PCEH develops and implements strategies for evaluating potential adverse health outcomes related to past practices at the former Kelly Air Force Base (KAFB). These evaluations will be used to assist the Air Force in determining the appropriateness of remedial actions or corrective measures to be taken at the former base, as well as around the community that may have been impacted by chemical contamination. In addition, the PCEH also investigates and identifies health issues that may require more formal health studies for health effects that could be related to an association with Kelly AFB. The personnel complement for the PCEH first year consisted of six (6) positions. For the second year an additional position has been added, Senior Public Health Physician. This brings the total personnel complement to seven (7) positions.

The initial set-up funding was \$403,000.00, and was augmented by an addition \$92,856.00 to complete the first year. Funding support from the Air Force for this second year of operation, October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003, will be \$725,000.00. Subsequent funds for the remaining term of this agreement will be provided through periodic contract amendments and submitted for City Council approval.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance follows the City practice of utilizing Federal, State and other funds to provide public health services for the residents of our community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This funding for the PCEH is \$725,000.00. The amount for each succeeding calendar year will be adjusted by an amendment to the original agreement. The maximum funding for the ten-year cooperative agreement is \$5,000,000.00.


This project will place no demands on the City General Fund.

COORDINATION

The Finance Department has approved the proposed project budget. The City Attorney's Office and the Office of Management and Budget, Risk Management Division, have reviewed and approved the agreement. The SAMHD has coordinated this project with the Departments of Environmental Services and External Relations.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.


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APPROVED:


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