

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (ATSDR)

DATE: November 21, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a cash grant award, in the amount of \$435,154.00, from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) to continue the Environmental Health and Wellness Center project, a program to assess the status and health concerns of the residents near the former Kelly Air Force Base (KAFB) during the period September 30, 2002 through September 29, 2003. This ordinance will also establish a fund; adopt a budget; approve the personnel complement and authorize payments for contractual services.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND

A number of residents living around the former KAFB have reported health problems such as rashes, headaches, nosebleeds, cancer, nervous disorders and chronic diseases (i.e. diabetes and lupus). A significant number of these residents believe that chemical exposures from the former KAFB have been the cause of these health effects. Data gathered and analyzed by federal, state and local agencies have not demonstrated a link at this time. However, residents in neighborhoods near KAFB still have health concerns that need to be addressed.

In an ordinance passed and approved November 2, 2000 the SAMHD received \$214,697.00 in cash funding from the ATSDR, through the Texas Department of Health (TDH), to conduct a series of screening clinics to assess the medical status of residents near KAFB during the period October 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. Through the Environmental Health Screening Project (Phase I), existing staff and temporary personnel conducted health assessments, provided health education on general health and environmental issues, and followed-up and referred to appropriate source of care patients with abnormal findings identified in the health assessments and physical exams. In addition, in-home environmental health surveys were conducted for at-risk individuals. In Phase I, eight

hundred and seventy three (873) health assessments were performed. Screenings were conducted at Las Palmas, Zarzamora and Old Hwy 90 Metro Health Clinics.

In an ordinance passed and approved December 13, 2001 the SAMHD received a cash grant award in the amount of \$177,729.00 directly from the ATSDR to conduct the second phase (Phase II) of the Environmental Health Screening Project. Under Phase II, SAMHD looked at the population living over the highest concentration levels of pollutants in the underground chemical plume near the former KAFB. SAMHD staff performed thirty-five hundred (3,500) additional health assessments. Part of the funds provided under this grant (\$69,032.00) were used to pay medical contractors for blood and pulmonary function tests on patients referred through the screening project. These screenings were conducted at the newly designated Las Palmas Metro Health Clinic Environmental Health and Wellness Center.

This additional ATSDR grant, in the amount of \$435,154.00, will continue this program through FY 2003. In addition, this effort will complement the work of SAMHD's Public Center for Environmental Health (PCEH) which performs environmental health research in the Kelly community. The personnel complement for the Environmental Health Screening project is five (5) new positions.

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


The budget for the Environmental Health Screening Project is \$435,154.00 and is funded by the ATSDR. Acceptance of this grant will place no demand on the City's General Fund.

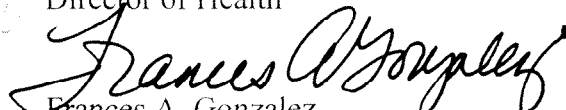
COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office and the Office of Management and Budget, Risk Management Division have reviewed and approved the grant award. The Finance Department has approved the proposed project budget.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.


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Director of Health


Frances A. Gonzalez
Assistant to the City Manager

APPROVED:


Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager

Attachment I
Environmental Health and Wellness Center Project 2002-2003
Fund and Project No. 26-022090
Budget for period: September 30, 2002 through September 29, 2003

INDEX	<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>	OBJ-CODE	AMOUNT
079038	Centers for Disease Control Prevention (ATSDR)		\$ 435,154
	Total Estimated Revenues		<u>\$ 435,154</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

Activity: 36-11-08

757641	Regular Salaries & Wages	01-010	139,584
757658	Social Security	01-030	10,680
757666	TMRS	01-040	16,240
757674	Group Health Insurance	01-050	21,750
757682	Life Insurance	01-051	320
757690	Workers' Disability Compensation	01-060	0
757708	Personal Leave Buy Back Pay	01-072	0
757716	Communications: Telephones	02-110	6,000
757724	Pagers	02-112	420
757732	Mail and Parcel Post Service	02-113	1,000
757740	Cellular Phones	02-114	2,400
757757	Rental of Equipment	02-119	17,760
757765	Travel-Official	02-124	8,000
757773	Education/Training	02-128	8,000
757781	Maintenance & Repair - Bldgs & Improvements	02-139	2,000
757799	Cleaning Services	02-140	3,000
757807	Maintenance & Repair - Commercial	02-144	500
757815	Alarm & Security Services	02-159	1,000
757823	Fees to Professional Contractors	02-160	89,555
757831	Vehicle Management Fee	02-167	180
757849	Procurement Fee	02-168	500
757856	Automatic Data Processing Services	02-172	9,500
757864	Advertising & Publication	02-175	3,000
757872	Membership Dues & Licenses	02-178	500
757880	Binding, Printing & Reproduction	02-181	2,000
757898	Subscriptions to Publications	02-187	1,500
757906	Office Supplies	03-210	2,000
757914	Motor Fuel & Lubricants	03-222	2,000
757922	Chemicals, Medical & Drugs	03-228	36,000
757930	Computer Software	03-243	20,000
757948	Other Commodities	03-244	5,000
757955	Indirect Cost	04-280	13,665
757963	Computer Equipment	05-360	6,500
757971	Machinery & Equipment - Other	05-373	4,600
	Total Appropriations		<u>\$ 435,154</u>

Fund Only Index: 000742

Organization Code: 36-11-08

PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT

Class No.	Title	# of Positions
0067	Administrative Aide	1
0244	Senior Public Health Nurses	3
0985	Case Aide	1
	Total:	<u><u>5</u></u>