

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT

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 TO RENEW ONGOING BREAST CANCER SCREENING PROJECT

DATE: November 21, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a cash grant award of \$115,000.00 from the Cancer Therapy and Research Center (CTRC) to continue funding the ongoing breast cancer screening program in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003. In addition, this ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute service agreements with University Health System (UHS) and University Physicians Group (UPG), approves the personnel complement, and authorizes payments for contractual services.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND

The SAMHD operates a breast health program with components that include clinical breast examinations, training for women to do monthly self-breast examinations, free mammograms for qualified women and nurse case management for women with abnormal findings. These efforts are partially supported through a grant from CTRC, a local, non-profit corporation working to eradicate cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment. CTRC has now offered additional funds, matching last year's grant, to continue financial support of this program. This grant augments the funds received from the Texas Department of Health and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation that are available for the breast health program.

Through CTRC funding, SAMHD will provide free mammograms and diagnostic follow-up for approximately 350 low-income women. All screening mammograms, diagnostic medical services and physician consultations for the qualified women are managed by SAMHD through off-site professional contracts. Professional staff for diagnostic procedures will be provided through the University Physicians

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Group (UPG) and the University Health System (UHS). The personnel complement of this program remains at one (1) full-time Accountant II position. This person is needed in order to process medical claims in a timely basis and assure accurate charges to the different grants supporting breast health care. The Accountant II position will determine patient's eligibility, process 5,000 medical claims annually, and submit quarterly financial reports for the three breast health programs.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Acceptance of this grant award follows the City policy of utilizing Federal, State and other aid to support local public health programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cash award of \$115,000.00 supports two contracts as follows:

Contractor	Amount
University Physicians Group	\$41,236.00
University Health System	<u>\$47,354.00</u>
Total	\$88,590.00

The remaining \$26,410.00 supports the salary and benefits of the Accountant II position.

COORDINATION

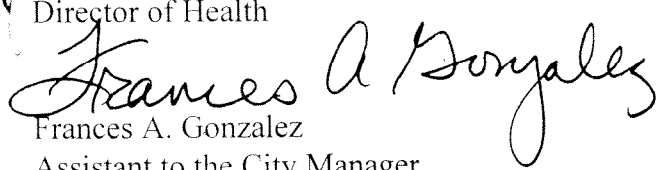
The City Attorney's Office and the Office of Management and Budget, Risk Management Division have reviewed the agreements with UPG and UHS. The Finance Department has approved the proposed project budget.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply


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