

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

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Fire Chief Robert Ojeda
THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager
COPIES: J. Rolando Bono, Deputy City Manager; File
SUBJECT: Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) Grant
DATE: March 13, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or her designated representative to accept a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) for use by the San Antonio Fire Department for EMS eligible expenses.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) was established to facilitate the development, implementation, and operation of a comprehensive trauma care system based on accepted standards of care to decrease morbidity and mortality. For fiscal year 2003, the STRAC received \$54,474 from the Texas Department of Health (TDH). These funds were divided among eligible providers within Bexar County based on a 60/40 split between rural and urban areas, with the City of San Antonio receiving 40% of the funds totaling \$20,000.

San Antonio's Fire/EMS allotment of \$20,000 will be used for eligible EMS expenses. Eligible expenses include supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, vehicles and communications equipment. These funds were awarded to increase the functionality of EMS agencies in the State of Texas.

There is no requirement for matching funds.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Approval of this ordinance is a continuation of City Council policy to seek financial assistance from outside sources for EMS.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council For Trauma and the City of San Antonio Finance Department, and the Office of Management and Budget.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

A copy of the letter allocating the funds the San Antonio Fire Department is attached.

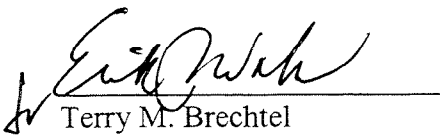


Robert Ojeda
Fire Chief



J. Rolando Bono
Deputy City Manager

Approved:



Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager

STRAC



Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council For Trauma

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February 7, 2003

Chief Mario Guerra
San Antonio Fire/EMS
115 Auditorium Circle
San Antonio, TX 78205

Re: FY03 EMS/Trauma Systems (a.k.a. County 911) funds – County of Bexar

Dear Chief Guerra,

Included with this letter is your allotment of EMS/Trauma Systems funding for FY03, check number 5405 in the amount of \$20,000.00. I thought it would be helpful to remind each of you what is and is not an eligible expense for this money. (See below)

I will need the attached Expenditure Report with **ALL Receipts** returned to STRAC **IMMEDIATELY** after the expenses are made and receipts are obtained, but **NO LATER THAN, July 1st, 2003**. Please keep in mind that the total of the receipts must be the same, or exceed, the total amount of your allotment (excluding tax).

The STRAC must report all expenditures to TDH BEM by August 1st, 2003 and I need to compile this report along with all the other funding reports that are due at the same time. Your cooperation in helping us meet this deadline is greatly appreciated.

Eligible expenses:

- Supplies
- Operational Expenses
- Education and training
- Equipment
- Vehicles; and/or
- Communications Equipment

Non-allowable expenses:

- Buildings
- Land
- Investments (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.)

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions about this funding, eligible expenses or the reporting process.

Sincerely,

Eric Epley
Executive Director

eric@strac.org

Fiscal Year 2003 County 911 Funds Disbursement for Bexar County

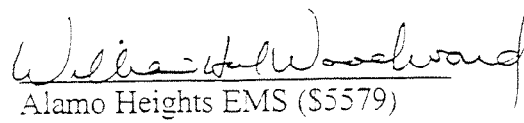
The agencies documented below attest by their signature that they agree to split the Fiscal Year 2003 County 911 funds of \$54,474 as noted among eligible providers. This agreement will be for Fiscal Year 2003 County 911 funds only.

Signatures below indicate inclusion in this agreement.


San Antonio Fire/EMS (\$20,000)

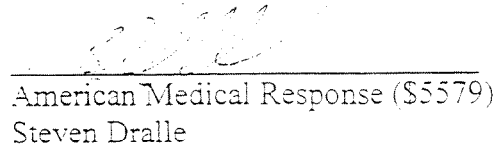
Chief Mario Guerra

☒ Participating in Disbursement
☐ Declining Funds for this year


Alamo Heights EMS (\$5579)

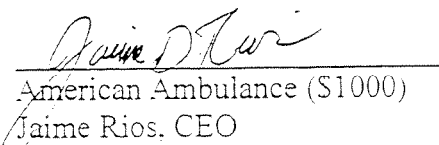
Lt. William Woodward

☒ Participating in Disbursement
☐ Declining Funds for this year


American Medical Response (\$5579)

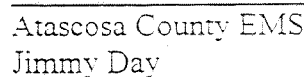
Steven Dralle

☒ Participating in Disbursement
☐ Declining Funds for this year


American Ambulance (\$1000)

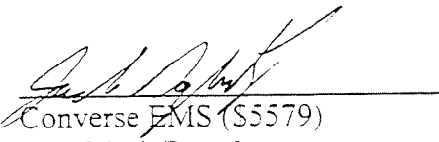
Jaime Rios, CEO

☒ Participating in Disbursement
☐ Declining Funds for this year


Atascosa County EMS

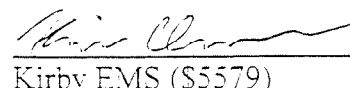
Jimmy Day

☐ Participating in Disbursement
☒ Declining Funds for this year


Converse EMS (\$5579)

Chief Jack Dougherty

☒ Participating in Disbursement
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Kirby EMS (\$5579)

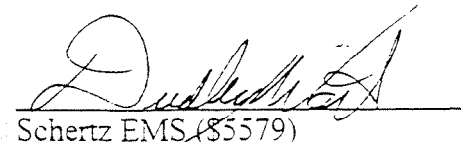
Lt. Kevin Clarkson

☒ Participating in Disbursement
☐ Declining Funds for this year


Leon Valley Fire/EMS (\$5579)

Chief Walton Daugherty

☒ Participating in Disbursement
☐ Declining Funds for this year


Schertz EMS (\$5579)

Dudley Wait

☒ Participating in Disbursement
☐ Declining Funds for this year