

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

DATE: August 7, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a cash grant award of \$45,000.00 and execute an agreement with the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to renew the ongoing Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. This ordinance will also revise the budget of the Public Health State Support Project 2003/2004 and approve the personnel complement.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

TDH provides annual financial assistance to the City to support core public health activities provided by the SAMHD. TDH has offered Contract Change Notice No. 04 as an amendment to the TDH contract previously accepted through an ordinance passed and approved February 6, 2003. This contract change awards \$45,000.00 in cash to renew the ongoing Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of the SAMHD. This additional funding brings the total cash support under this contract to \$964,548.00.

Under the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, SAMHD staff organizes public awareness health fairs, conducts seminars for physician staffs and provides free blood lead screening to children in high-risk areas of San Antonio. In 2002 San Antonio had 480 confirmed elevated blood lead level (BLLs) cases. For 2003 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has estimated that San Antonio may have as many as 3,100 cases of elevated blood levels. This CDC prediction is based on San Antonio population, number of old houses, and scientific data taken from the Hanes Report, a national database.

The personnel complement will be upgraded to a full-time Administrative Assistant I from a part-time Office Assistant due to the elevated number of lead cases in the San Antonio area. Administrative Assistant duties include responsibilities such as preparing correspondence, data entry, answering telephones and filing documents. This person also assists in coordinating follow up screening activities on those children with elevated blood lead levels and helps in maintaining the database developed for this purpose.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Acceptance of this grant from TDH will continue the long-standing practice of utilizing Federal and State aid to support the local public health programs of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

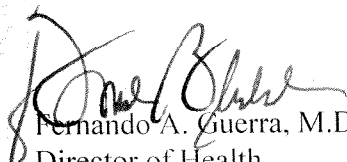
This TDH contract change provides \$45,000.00 in cash support for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of the SAMHD. This is an increase of \$20,000.00 over last year's \$25,000.00 funding. TDH awarded SAMHD the increase due to the CDC's predicted number of blood lead cases for 2003 in the San Antonio area. Acceptance of this contract amendment will place no demands on the City General Fund.

COORDINATION

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

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.


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