

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

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 18

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Robert Ojeda, Fire Chief

THOROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: J. Rolando Bono, Deputy City Manager; Assistant Chief Mike Miller,
Coordinator of Emergency Operations Center

SUBJECT: Ordinance Ratifying the Submission and Acceptance of the Metropolitan
Medical Response System Contract Sustainment Monies from the U.S.
Department of Health and Human Services

DATE: October 7, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance ratifies the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and authorizes the acceptance of sustainment funding in the amount of \$280,000.00, upon approval. These FY 2004 funds will be used to sustain planning of the Metropolitan Medical Response System, a system established to be a primary resource for response to Weapons of Mass Destruction incidents.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1997, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) awarded Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) development contracts to twenty-five metropolitan areas in the United States, including San Antonio. Effective October 1, 2003, the MMRS grant program was transferred to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The MMRS development contracts are designed to provide initial assistance for the jurisdictions to develop an integrated response plan, purchase special pharmaceuticals, initiate equipping and identifying training requirements for a MMRS as a principal resource in responding to the health and medical consequences of a nuclear, biological, chemical, radiological, and/or explosive Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) incident. The MMRS approach has resulted in an improved local response to the health and medical consequences of all natural and technical disasters. MMRS response capability has been built from the successful combination of multiple sources of federal, state, and

local funding. The challenge is to continue the systems and partnerships that have already been initiated between local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as the community health care providers. These cooperative planning activities and interactions must be preserved, skilled personnel must be retained, specialized stockpiles and equipment maintained, and local response plans periodically tested. The purpose of this grant submission is to assist the City of San Antonio in maintaining and further developing its local MMRS.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This ordinance continues the City of San Antonio's policy of seeking outside resources for the enhancement of Department programs. The grant supports the joint City-County Anti-Terrorism Plan and will help defray the expense of maintaining the local MMRS. The City of San Antonio has previously applied for and received \$50,000.00 in FY 02-03 for MMRS development. This is the 2nd year the city has requested sustainment funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

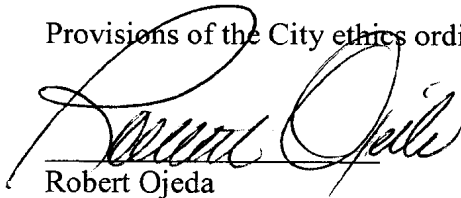
There are no cost-share or match requirements associated with this grant.

COORDINATION

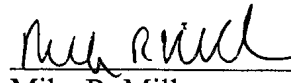
Coordination has occurred with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the City ethics ordinance do not apply.



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Fire Chief



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Approved:



Terry M. Brechtel
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