

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

FROM: Fernando A. Guerra, MD, MPH, Director of Health

SUBJECT: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Laboratory Program

DATE: April 13, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and execute a contract change for an additional amount of \$50,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) to augment support for the ongoing Public Health Emergency Preparedness Laboratory Program in the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) for the period September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. This ordinance will also revise the program budget and authorize payments for contractual services.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City Manager was authorized to execute the Public Health State Support Project 2005/2006 contract with TDSHS through an ordinance passed and approved on January 13, 2005. This contract provides annual assistance to the City in support of the core public health activities offered by the SAMHD. Contract changes are made throughout the term of the contract in order to renew grant programs when their terms expire.

On November 13, 2005, City Council approved an amendment to this contract which renewed support for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Laboratory Program, providing \$250,000 for this activity through August 31, 2006. This grant funding is used primarily for the SAMHD Biosafety Level Three (BSL-3) Laboratory, which was opened on September 30, 2005. Staff in this facility can rapidly identify terrorist threat agents including smallpox, anthrax, plague, and West Nile virus, as well as influenza, food borne illnesses and other diseases. TDSHS provided most of the funding to build the laboratory and this grant furnishes additional support for laboratory equipment, a backup generator, equipment service contracts and similar items.

TDSHS has now offered another contract change totaling \$50,000.00 to augment funding for the program. These additional funds will pay for the training necessary to ensure that sentinel laboratories that provide samples to the facility will package and ship infectious agents appropriately. The funds will also pay for exercises to test this system.

POLICY ANALYSIS

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

FISCAL IMPACT

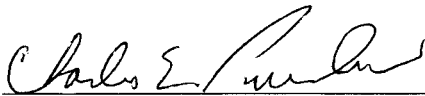
This contract change will provide \$50,000.00 to augment support for the ongoing Public Health Emergency Preparedness Laboratory Program in the SAMHD.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division, have reviewed and approved the contract with TDSHS. The SAMHD has coordinated this item with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

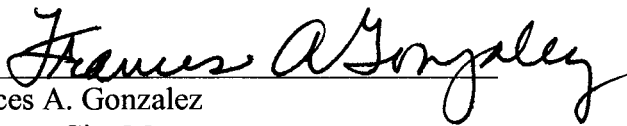
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



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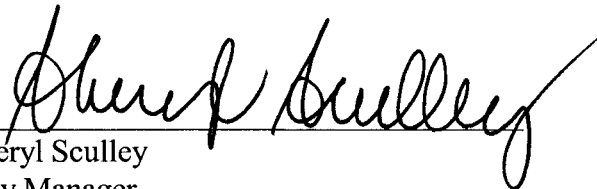
Director of Health, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District



Frances A. Gonzalez

Assistant City Manager

Approved for Council Consideration:



Sheryl Sculley
City Manager

ATTACHMENT II
Public Health State Support Project 2005/2006 - Federal
Fund 26016000
Fund Center 3610050000
TDSHS Contract No. 7460020708 2006

<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>	<u>GL</u>	<u>INITIAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ADD (DEDUCT)</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
Attachment #10A	4501100	250,000	50,000	300,000
Total Estimated Revenues:		\$ 250,000	50,000	300,000

APPROPRIATIONS:

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Laboratory

Activity: 36-10-05 09/01/05 to 8/31/06
Cost Center 3610050002
Internal Order 136000000284

Regular Salaries & Wages	5101010	0	0	0
Social Security	5103005	0	0	0
TMRS	5105010	0	0	0
Flexible Benefits Contribution	5405040	0	0	0
Life Insurance	5103010	0	0	0
Fees to Prof. Contractors	5201040	98,198	0	98,198
Advertising and Publications	5203040	0	3,000	3,000
Mail and Parcel Post Service	5205010	0	4,000	4,000
Binding Printing and Reproduction	5203060	0	6,000	6,000
Transportation	5203090	1,782	0	1,782
Maintenance & Repair - Mach. & Equip	5204080	40,000	0	40,000
Travel	5207010	3,561	7,000	10,561
Office Supplies	5302010	2,000	0	2,000
Chemicals, Medical and Drugs	5304040	50,000	30,000	80,000
Tools, Apparatus, & Accessories	5304050	0	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	5407026	12,000	0	12,000
Computer Equipment	5501000	0	0	0
Machinery & Equipment - Other	5501055	42,459	0	42,459
Total 36-10-05:		\$ 250,000	50,000	300,000

Grand Total:

PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT: N/A