



**SAFD Mobile Integrated
Health - Overdose Prevention Crisis
Response (OPCR)
First Responders-Comprehensive
Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA)**

**City Council
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Purpose

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of the First Responders – Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA) grant through the Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (DHHS - SAMHSA) in the amount of \$780,914. This ordinance approves the OPCR program budget and appropriates funds to be used by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit of the San Antonio Fire Department along with community partners: South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC); BE WELL, TEXAS; and the San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness (SACADA).

The goal of the OPCR program is to help improve the outcomes of people in San Antonio that have suffered or are suffering from opioid-related substance abuse. Funding is for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

Background

- The OPCR program, through previous grant funds, began in 2019.
- In September 2024, SAFD was notified that grant funds through FR-CARA are available for the continued operation of the OPCR program.
- SAFD MIH has been presented with operational funding from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.
- Operational funding totaling \$780,914 is to include operational costs for MIH; STRAC; BE, WELL TEXAS; and SACADA to assist patients suffering from opioid-related substance abuse.



Plan of Action - MIH



Two specially trained SAFD Personnel engage clients from confirmed overdose responses through SAFD 911 dispatch or referrals from field personnel, consumers, and/or community partners. The goal is to refer patients into a treatment facility.

- Two-person team
- 8-hour shift, 7 days a week

One Administrator will be available to manage the team and coordinate daily operations.



Plan of Action – Community Partners



- STRAC will be responsible for data collection/analysis, funding distribution, and act as facilitators between partners.
- BE WELL, TEXAS will be responsible for out-patient treatment and services.
- SACADA will be responsible for patient peer support, case management, and follow ups.

Recommendations

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept the grant contribution of \$780,914 from the First Responders – Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA).

