



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Christopher Monestier

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the San Antonio First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Project Grant (CARA) from the Department of Health and Human Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in the amount not to exceed \$3,123,656.00 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2028. This ordinance also authorizes an Interlocal agreement with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC).

**SUMMARY:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the San Antonio First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Project Grant (CARA) grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in an amount not to exceed \$3,123,656.00 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2028 to fund programs to address the controlled substance abuse issue in San Antonio. A program budget in the amount of \$780,914.00 is available for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. This ordinance will also authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute associated sub-grant interlocal agreement with The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) to be an administrator and evaluator for this grant, to provide the required financial and data gathering and ensure expected performance evaluations required by the grantor.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The San Antonio First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Project Grant (CARA) grant allows for a yearly distribution of \$780,914.00 for programs designed to provide education and rehabilitation of those suffering from addiction to controlled substances. Programs will be a part of a collaboration with the San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness (SACADA), Be Well Texas, the SAFD Office of the Medical Director, and STRAC.

The purpose of this program is to provide resources to support first responders and members of other key community sectors on training, administering, and providing naloxone and other Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid overdose reversal medications or devices. Recipients will be expected to establish processes, protocols, and mechanisms for warm hand-off referrals to appropriate treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and other psychosocial support services. Recipients will also provide safety education around fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and other drug trends associated with overdoses.

## **ISSUE:**

This action authorizes the acceptance of the San Antonio First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Project Grant (CARA) from the Department of Health and Human Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in the amount not to exceed \$3,123,656.00 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2028. This ordinance also authorizes an Interlocal agreement (ILA) with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC).

This grant and ILA will allow the San Antonio Fire Department and other community partners who offer controlled substance outreach programs, the ability to focus on substance abuse prevention and treatment in our community for the next four years.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Department of Health and Human Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in an amount not to exceed \$3,123,656 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2028. A program budget in the amount of \$780,914.00 is available for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 and will be broken out for cost sharing as follows:

Grant Award Break-out	Annual Award Amount
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City of San Antonio – Fire	\$ 497,472.00
Be Well Texas	\$ 67,500.00
UT Health Office Medical Director	\$ 43,000.00
San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness (SACADA)	\$97,768.00
Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC)	\$75,174.00
<b>Total Annual Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 780,914.00</b>
<b>Total Award – 4-years</b>	<b>\$ 3,123,656.00</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.