

DEPARTMENT: San Antonio Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Fire Chief Valerie Frausto

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

FY 2025 STRAC MIH Acceptance of Funds

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) up to the amount of \$587,802. Funds will be used by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit of the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department for the following programs:

- A. Haven for Hope Acute Care Station (ACS) \$268,028 (Jan 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025)
- B. Program for Intensive Care Coordination (PICC) \$319,774 (Jan 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) was established to facilitate the development, implementation, and operation of a regional comprehensive trauma and emergency healthcare system based on accepted standards of care to decrease morbidity and mortality. Funds from STRAC are awarded to assist in improving the functionality of EMS agencies in the State of Texas.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount up to \$587,802. Contribution of funds will be used by the MIH unit of the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department for eligible expenses including salary, benefits, education, and training.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the City did not receive contribution of funds, the program would not be possible unless expenses were to be charged to the General Fund and/or requested through the budget process. There are currently no budgeted funds for this program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of contributions from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) to the San Antonio Fire Department in the amount up to \$587,802 to be used by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit of the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department for personnel and equipment costs by the San Antonio Fire Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept the funding opportunity from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC).