



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 48

Agenda Date: September 21, 2023

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

FY 2024 STRAC MIH Annual Acceptance of Funds for Hospice

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) up to the amount of \$500,000.00. Funds will be used by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit of the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department for the Hospice Program for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

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. STRAC has created an MIH consortium for municipalities engaged in programs and can act as a clearing house for HIPPA compliant information as well as a central hub for grants for participating jurisdictions within the consortium. STRAC has received funding from several hospice agencies to help improve the health, comfort, and well-being of hospice patients by providing skilled patient care in the home setting, educating the patient, family, and

caregivers, coordinating with coordinating with the patient's hospice provider and reducing admission to emergency rooms throughout the city. MIH Personnel and hospice agency staff to respond quickly and efficiently to meet the needs of the patient based on their current care plan. These funds will be disbursed to the City of San Antonio based on patients enrolled within the geographical boundaries of the City of San Antonio.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of up to \$500,000.00 from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) for work done by MIH with hospice companies.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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