



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Charles Hood, Fire Chief

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

FY 2023 STRAC MIH Acceptance of funds for Molina Healthcare Program

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) up to the amount of \$590,000.00, approves a program budget and appropriates funds to be used by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit of the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department to work with Molina Healthcare of Texas, Inc. to reduce demand on local emergency rooms and Molina Healthcare by improving outcomes and coordinating care of assigned patients. Funding is for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (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.

Molina Healthcare of Texas, Inc. is a managed healthcare organization that is responsible for the medical care of enrolled residents in the city of San Antonio. The SAFD MIH division, through

STRAC and the MIH consortium has provided contract services to Molina Healthcare since December 2021. Funds received through this program are paid on a monthly, per patient, per visit basis within the city of San Antonio.

In December 2021, the SAFD accepted funds in the amount of \$100,000 from STRAC to work with Molina Healthcare to reduce demand on local emergency departments by improving outcomes and coordinating care of assigned Molina members (Ordinance 2021-12-16-0986).

Emergency room overcrowding is a difficult and major healthcare issue in San Antonio and across the nation. This program assists this issue by utilizing proven MIH skills and programs to assist patients in getting the treatment and care they need without utilizing EMS units and hospital emergency room. The program leverages existing infrastructure and a newly developed notification system to alert MIH personnel when enrolled Molina Healthcare members request EMS via 911.

The goal of the program is to improve situational awareness and allow MIH Personnel and Molina Healthcare staff to develop a comprehensive healthcare plan for the enrolled patient quickly and efficiently. This healthcare plan could include providing skilled patient care in the home setting, educating the patient, family, and caregivers on the healthcare system, and coordinating with the Member's assigned primary care physicians in an effort to reduce admission to emergency rooms throughout the city.

**ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of up to \$590,000.00 for a term of 1 year from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) for service provided by SAFD Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit to Molina Healthcare of Texas Inc.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If the City did not accept the donation funds, the current program with Molina Healthcare and the SAFD will cease to exist. Patients previously identified by Molina Healthcare would call 911 and potentially be taken to hospital emergency rooms.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma up to the amount of \$590,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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