



# 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 Opioid Overdose Prevention and Crisis Response

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount of \$396,313.00, approves a program budget and appropriates funds to be used by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit of the San Antonio Fire Department to help improve the outcomes of residents that have suffered narcotic overdose. Funding is for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Since 2018, the San Antonio Fire Department has accepted funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Council for Trauma (STRAC) for two programs:

The Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR). This program is a collaboration between the SAFD and UT Health Science Center School of Nursing and addresses the opioid crisis in Bexar County and the surrounding area. The goal of the program is to make contact with residents who have overdosed on opioids in the past 72 hours and distribute Narcan and provide CPR training along with recovery options. The program was launched in December 2018.

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program. This program provides immediate Medication Assisted Recovery for patients in home with an addiction to opioids as a temporary bridge to get the patient to a detoxification bed and program. The program was launched in November 2019.

In July 2022, the SAFD was notified by UT Health Science San Antonio that the TTOR and MAT Programs were being retired.

In mid-September 2022, SAFD was notified by UT Health Science San Antonio that they had received a renewal for their EMS Expansion project and that they had allocated \$396,313 to STRAC for San Antonio EMS follow-up operations.

Beginning in October 2022, the SAFD will combine these two programs into the Opioid Prevention Crisis Response Program providing the same services as the former TTOR and MAT Programs with the funding allocated to STRACT of \$396,313 for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount up to \$396,313.00, approves a program budget and appropriates funds. The funds will be used by the SAFD to fund MIH paramedics to visit patients at their homes or at the hospital the day after the patient received a dose of Narcan from SAFD. The follow up visit is educational regarding the use of Narcan, clean needles, risks of continued drug use and available options. CPR training can also be offered to the family as well as Narcan delivery training.

The program emphasizes connecting individuals identified as being at high risk for overdose with induction and engagement into rehabilitation services, and Mobile Integrated Healthcare support in collaboration with local practitioners.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

No other funding alternatives exist today to continue these programs.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount up to \$396,313.00 for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.