



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Accepting additional funds from NACCHO MRC COVID-19 RISE Grant

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of additional funds from NACCHO Medical Reserve Corps COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) Grant in the amount of \$26,250.00. The funding is intended to improve the health and safety of the community during all-hazards situations within the City of San Antonio and Department of State Health Services Region 8 for the term beginning May 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Furthermore, this ordinance authorizes the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and a grant contract to effectuate the acceptance of the referenced grant, and to execute contract amendments pertaining to this contract, to include a) carry-over funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) line item budget revisions authorized by the funding agency; c) modifications to the performance measures authorized by the funding agency and listed in the contract so long as the terms of the amendment stay within the general parameters of the intent of the grant; d) no cost extensions; e) amendments which will provide supplemental grant funds to the grant by the funding agency in an amount up to 20% of the total amount awarded to the grant; f) reimbursement increases of administrative funds for each

participant served; g) amendments funding one time equipment purchases or defined program services; and h) changes in regulations mandated by the funding agency.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Through ordinance 2022-05-12-0337 Metro Health accepted \$75,000.00 in funds for the NACCHO MRC COVID-19 RISE Grant. Metro Health received the award on April 1, 2022. The original Contract amount was from May to December 31, 2022. In October of 2022, the grantor announced a contract extension to the grant and additional funds in the amount of 35% of the original award. This ordinance will authorize Metro Health to accept the contract extension (May 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) and the additional award in the amount of \$26,250.00, for a total grant contract amount of \$101,250.00.

The MRC COVID-19 RISE funding opportunity is intended to provide resources to the MRC network to support COVID-19 and other public health emergency response efforts. This funding will prioritize building capacity for the MRC to innovate and respond to evolving requirements, sustain staffing requirements, and equip MRC units and state coordinators with resources needed to support their mission.

Through this additional funding, Metro Health's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program will support training opportunities for Alamo Area Medical Reserve Corp members. Training topics may cover Vaccination Clinics, Winter Weather, Hurricane Shelters, and/or any other response effort topic as the need may arise. Trainings will be offered to both Medical and Non-medical professionals that will assist with volunteerism with the Alamo Area Medical Reserve Corp. Training opportunities will lead retention and longevity of the volunteers in the region.

In addition, funds will support Metro Health Staff's attendance at the 2023 Texas Division of Emergency Management Conference scheduled for the summer of 2023. The Conference attracts over 3,000 elected officials, first responders, emergency managers, and decision makers from across Texas. The Conference provides jurisdictions an opportunity to network, continue their emergency management education and learn about various innovative products in emergency management.

By the completion of the grant period, Metro Health anticipates these training opportunities will incentivize and better prepare volunteers for emergency response operations. This funding will contribute to the efficient operations of the MRC which in turn will assist Metro Health and the community.

### **ISSUE:**

Metro Health is requesting City Council authorize the acceptance of additional funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) Grant in the amount of

\$26,250.00 to provide resources to the MRC network in support of COVID-19 and other public health emergency efforts.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this ordinance not be authorized, Metro Health will forgo an opportunity to accept additional funding that would significantly enhance the Alamo Area MRC network's ability to support COVID-19 and other prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of additional funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) Grant in the amount of \$26,250.00 for a period beginning May 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. There is no impact on the General Fund in the form of a cash match.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council authorize the acceptance of additional funds from NACCHO for MRC COVID-19 RISE Grant in the amount of \$26,250.00 for a period beginning May 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.