



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2023 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Award (ORA) to strengthen capabilities of the Alamo Area MRC Network

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2023 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Award (ORA) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a period beginning January 27, 2023 through September 29, 2023. The funding is intended to strengthen the current capabilities of the Alamo Area MRC Volunteers.

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:

On December 9, 2022, Metro Health applied for the 2023 Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Awards (MRC ORA).

The 2023 MRC ORA aims to build the operational readiness capabilities of MRC units to meet the emergency preparedness and response needs of local, regional, and statewide stakeholders. On January 27, 2023, Metro Health received notification of award for the MRC ORA grant.

Through this funding, Metro Health's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) section will continue to provide educational outreach to community members. Volunteers will be participating in outreach events, health fairs, trainings, and coordinating classroom presentations.

Metro Health is committed to training community members to respond to public health emergencies. Alamo Area Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are encouraged to complete courses in Incident Command System, Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, National Response Framework, and Basic Life Support Training.

In addition, funds will be used to purchase first responder kits for volunteers to utilize in a public health emergency. The goal is to build 12 identical emergency response bags in preparation for an unexpected all-hazards event. Volunteers would also utilize bags at health fairs and first-aid stations. Additionally, funding will be used to provide recognition for active volunteers. To assist with volunteer retention, Metro Health will recognize and award volunteers who assist with multiple assignments annually (ex: MRC Challenge Coins, MRC Tumblers, MRC T-Shirts).

By the completion of the grant period, Metro Health anticipates the funding will strengthen the current capabilities of the MRC Unit and better prepare volunteers.

ISSUE:

Metro Health is requesting City Council authorize the acceptance of funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the 2023 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Award (ORA) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a period beginning January 27, 2023 through September 29, 2023.

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 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the 2023 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Award (ORA) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a period beginning January 27, 2023 through September 29, 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 funds from NACCHO for MRC ORA Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a period beginning January 27, 2023 through September 29, 2023.