



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for a period beginning May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from NACCHO MRC COVID-19 RISE Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00. 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 December 31, 2022.

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 March 4, 2022, Metro Health applied to the NACCHO MRC COVID-19 RISE Grant and was notified of the award on April 1, 2022. The MRC COVID-19 RISE funding opportunity is intended to provide resources to the MRC network to support COVID-19 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 funding, Metro Health's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program will purchase technology and equipment to support evolving volunteer management. PHEP will purchase database software and a badging system through IdentiSys that will enhance the operations within the Alamo Area MRC. The software and badging technology will assist with training, credentialing, badging, and tracking of volunteer hours.

In addition, funds will support the purchase of personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, face shields, and goggles etc. PPE will be provided to all MRC members to continue to maintain the health and safety of all volunteers. Funding will also support the purchase of additional supplies and equipment needed to protect MRC members against heat and cold exposure. Portable printers, tables, and laptops will be purchased for Metro Health staff to assist MRC members when working in the field.

By the completion of the grant period Metro Health anticipates securing the badging system, data base software, and equipment. This funding will contribute to the efficient operations of the MRC which in turn assist Metro Health and the community.

ISSUE:

Metro Health is requesting City Council authorize the acceptance of funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 to provide resources to the MRC network in support of COVID-19 efforts.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this ordinance not be authorized, Metro Health will forgo an opportunity to accept funding that would significantly enhance the Alamo Area MRC network's ability to support COVID-19 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) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for a period beginning May 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022. 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 the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for a period beginning May 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.