

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Dan Lindheim  
FROM: Daniel D. Farrell  
DATE: July 22, 2008

RE: **Report And Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Accept A Two Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Five Dollar (\$258,145), Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Grant From The Governors Office Of Homeland Security To Fund Planning And Equipment For The City Of Oakland's Fire Department For The Continued Support Of The MMRS Program.**

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**SUMMARY**

The City of Oakland has been awarded a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant in the amounts of \$258,145 from the Governor's office of Homeland Security to fund planning and medical equipment in support of the MMRS program.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of this proposed resolution will authorize the Oakland Fire Department to apply for, accept and appropriate Governor's Office of Homeland Security Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant funds in the amount of \$258,145 for the grant period. Funding will be appropriated to the California State Emergency Services Fund (Fund #2146), the Emergency Medical Services Division (organization #20913), the Emergency Medical Services program (Program #PS19) and project number to be determined. The amount of \$285,145 will be appropriated to the same fund, organization, program in revenue account #46229.

There are no matching requirements. The MMRS Project Manager is responsible for ensuring that all projects are completed as required by the grant proposal. There will be no city staff time charged to this grant, but \$100,000 has been approved for an independent contractor to plan and manage the program. Invoices will be submitted to the Operational Area as charges are incurred.

If approved, the City would receive reimbursement from the grant fund for these projects, including program management and administration, in the amount of \$258,145. The grant period is October 2007 through March 2010. There is no impact to the City General Fund.

**BACKGROUND**

Since 1999, the City of Oakland has been selected to be one of the 124 cities across the United States for an MMRS program. This program is designed to enhance integrated systematic mass

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casualty preparedness, all hazards approach, with the primary focus on events surrounding chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive devices. (CBRNE).

The United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Grants and Training, has developed a list constituting MMRS Target Capabilities and Capability Focus Areas with an emphasis placed on the preparedness and performance measures in each of these areas. MMRS cities/counties have the option of using grant funds to improve capabilities in any of the areas listed, provided they are reflected in the relevant State and/or UASI strategies, enhancement plans or investment justifications. MMRS jurisdictions must also sustain enhanced capabilities achieved through the implementation of program guidance and funding from prior years. MMRS jurisdictions must also integrate health and medical assets into the functional organization of incident management in the community.

### **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

As a city identified by the Federal Government to be of high risk for terrorist activity, the need for residents of the City of Oakland to be ensured operational viability of mass care shelters and medical treatment facilities is essential. Current plans need to be updated to include provisions of hazardous/toxic substances portal and point detection, monitoring, and decontamination of such facilities. Alternate medical treatment facilities, including power, water and sewer must be provided. The Oakland Fire Department will also ensure that all medicines and medical supplies for the Operational Area (including but not limited to MMRS cache, Chempak storage and the Strategic National Stockpile) are integrated into a Master Resource list and management system. The City will update its mass prophylaxis plan to support distribution of pharmaceuticals to the entire population within 48 hours of receipt of the national stockpile. The Fire Department will also enhance Hazardous Material response and decontamination capabilities through training and functional exercises. If approved, this resolution would enable the City to be reimbursed for management, equipment, supplies and training in order to continue to develop new partnerships with Bay Area cities/counties. This will ensure Oakland is better prepared for a potential catastrophic event and, will be able to respond on a regional basis.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The City of Oakland intends to implement a Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) and develop partnerships within the Bay Area that aid in education, training and deployment of citizen volunteers in the event of a large medical emergency. Our goal is to recruit active and retired medical professionals to create an organized pool of resources capable of being deployed to support systems already in place and to assist with mass prophylaxis. The estimated budget for this program is \$25,000.

The Oakland Fire Department will use part of the funds to purchase a vehicle to transport the recently purchased (2004 MMRS grant) Rehabilitation Van which is used in prolonged incidents to ensure the safety and medical monitoring of fire suppression personnel. The estimated cost for this item is \$43,000.

Fully stocked Mass Casualty Trailers will be purchased for placement in hill areas, where there is a danger of an event, man made or natural, could limit resources to these areas. This will ensure some level of medical care in the event of a large scale disaster. These trailers will be fully stocked with EMS equipment and will be enhanced with additional CBRNE support, including pre-hospital triage and treatment supplies. Evacuation litters and/or stretchers will be included, as identified as a deficiency during the Fire Department's recent triage and treatment exercises conducted at the EMS Division. The estimated cost for these items is \$60,000.

Additional medical supplies and equipment are needed for complete operation of the rehabilitation van, stretchers for the mass casualty trailers and replacement of some of the nerve gas antidotes. The estimated expenditure for these items is \$30,145.

Modifications to this approved proposal are at the discretion of the Fire Chief and will then be submitted for approval to the Operational Area.

A synopsis of this spending plan is as follows:

Program management and planning	100,000
Medical Reserve Corp Program	25,000
Vehicle to transport the rehabilitation van	43,000
Mass Casualty Trailers	60,000
Medical Supplies and Equipment	30,145

**SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** The MMRS project provides opportunities to local vendors. Whenever possible, monies are spent locally.

**Environmental:** The MMRS project recycles waste products and uses environmentally safe practices in the handling of materials used.

**Social Equity:** MMRS assets are used as a local asset first in the event of a natural, accidental or terrorist disaster.

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**DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

With continued funding, MMRS will make the City better prepared to respond to needs in time of an emergency. Mortality and morbidity will be decreased due to the additional resources provided to meet the populations with special interests and needs.

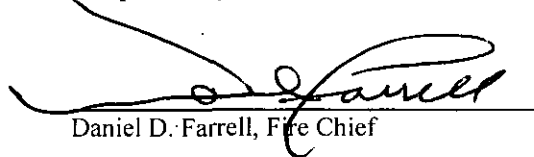
**RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE**

The City of Oakland is one of the major municipalities in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is a site for mass commerce, major sporting events, mass transportation and is both highly commercial and residential. The City and PORT is the fourth largest in the United States. It houses federal, state and county offices. It is imperative that the Oakland Fire Department remain prepared and ready to respond with hazard mitigation efforts at all times.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The Oakland Fire Department requests that the City Council approved the proposed resolution authorizing acceptance of the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program for MMRS in the amount of \$258,145.

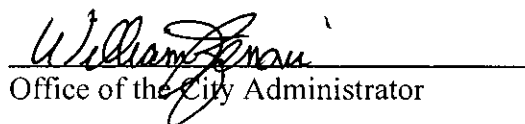
Respectfully submitted,



Daniel D. Farrell, Fire Chief

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EMS Division Chief/Manager

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



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Approved as to Form and Legality

  
Oakland City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A TWO HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLAR (\$258,145.00) METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (MMRS) GRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO FUND THE MMRS PROGRAM, PLANNING AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has accepted prior Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS") funding for all hazard mitigation, terrorism preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland's MMRS consists of planning, development, purchasing special pharmaceuticals and equipment and identified training for MMRS as the principal resource in responding to health and medical consequences of a nuclear, biological or chemical terrorist incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential for loss of life and threats to the environment exist due to the use of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Explosive Devices; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or designee to accept and appropriate a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant of two hundred fifty eight thousand and one hundred forty five dollars (\$258,145.00) from the Governor's Office Of Homeland Security as a part of the 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) to fund projects for all hazard mitigation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California