

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR
ATTN: DEBORAH EDGERLY
FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT
DATE: JUNE 14, 2005

RE: Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Accept And Appropriate A Grant Of Two Hundred And Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred And Sixty Four Dollars (\$220,764.00) As Part Of The FY05 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) From The U.S. Department Of Homeland Security Office For Domestic Preparedness (ODP) – Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) To Fund The Oakland Fire Department MMRS Program And Enhance Integrated, Systematic Mass Casualty Preparedness, With Primary Focus On Terrorist Events Involving Radiological, Nuclear, Chemical, Biological, Or Explosive Agents

SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) had been the funding source for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) program since its inception in 2000. In 2003, MMRS joined the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other programs from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Energy, and Justice to become the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate of the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS). On October 3, 2004 MMRS was transferred to the DHS Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) /Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP). The City of Oakland has been awarded another grant in the amount of \$220,764.00 to continue the Oakland MMRS program. The grant of \$220,764.00 is to be utilized to ensure program continuation and sustainability.

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate \$220,764.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/ODP, Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant, for MMRS program continuation, and sustainment that has been implemented by the Oakland Fire Department.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed resolution authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$220,764.00 of DHS/ODP grant funds for the continuation and sustainability of the MMRS program in the Oakland Fire Department. The grant funds will be utilized to cover costs of MMRS

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program continuation and sustainability for 30 months October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2007 as specified in the FY05 HSGP performance period, to be utilized for continued program planning, implementation, training, equipment purchases and staff costs. Staff costs will be calculated at the prevailing overtime rate. A portion of this period overlaps with the FY04 MMRS grant schedule.

This grant does not require matching funds from the City. No overhead waiver is required. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Revenues will be increased and funds appropriated by the grant in the amount \$220,764.00 to the following: the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (Fund #2124), the Emergency Medical Services Division (organization #20913), the Emergency Medical Services program (Program #PS19), and a project to be determined.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oakland was fortunate to be one of 124 cities selected as an MMRS city and receive much needed funding to develop an MMRS program, in order to be better prepared for mass casualty events.

The original funding was to provide the Oakland Fire Department with some of the financial resources necessary for planning efforts, program development, purchasing of special pharmaceuticals, equipment, and for identifying the training requirements for an effective Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) program. This includes integrating, working with and collaborating training with all the respective emergency response agencies that would respond to mass casualty events within the city limits. The MMRS system and protocols are the principal resources that will be utilized in responding to the health and medical consequences of radiological, biological, nuclear or chemical incidents.

In May 2004, the completion of the previous MMRS contract was finalized.

The current grant of \$220, 764.00 is funding for the continuation and sustainability of the Oakland MMRS program. The funding will be utilized to ensure that the MMRS program in Oakland remains fully operational for at least another 30 months (October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2007).

Specifically, the grant funds will be used to further enhance the City of Oakland's integrated, systematic preparedness for mass casualty events, sustainment of enhanced capabilities to respond to the range of incidents from Weapons of Mass Destruction, epidemic outbreaks, natural disasters, and large scale hazardous materials events capable of producing mass civilian casualties.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

It is critical for Oakland to maintain its MMRS program to ensure operability and continue with its planning, training and procurement of pharmaceuticals and equipment that have been identified through various interagency committee meetings. Oakland has already obtained antidotes for Chemical Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) agents to protect first responders (Fire and Police) and our citizens. Oakland has also obtained enough Doxycycline (Antibiotics) to treat 10,000 victims for the first 48 hours after a biological incident, until Federal resources or the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) resources arrive. The Oakland Fire Department will continue to develop new partnerships and will maintain ongoing collaboration with local, state and federal agencies to ensure that we are better prepared for catastrophic incidents.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: No economic opportunities are anticipated.

Social Equity: No social equity opportunities are anticipated.

Environmental: No environmental opportunities are anticipated.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

No Disability and Senior Citizen Access anticipated

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Response planning, awareness training, specialized equipment, supplies and education are critical in reducing injuries, and the loss of life and property.

Based upon these facts, staff strongly recommends that Oakland accept this funding and continue to implement the MMRS program to ensure program sustainability and operational readiness during mass casualty incidents.

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that City Council accept the report and approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate \$220,764.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/ODP, Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant to fund the continuation of the Oakland MMRS program implemented by the Oakland Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,



DANIEL FARRELL, FIRE CHIEF

Prepared by:
Lt. Carlos Harvey, EMS Division

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Wendy Ann Moore

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT OF TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$220,764.00) AS PART OF THE FY05 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS (ODP) – METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (MMRS) TO FUND THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT MMRS PROGRAM AND ENHANCE INTEGRATED, SYSTEMATIC MASS CASUALTY PREPAREDNESS, WITH PRIMARY FOCUS ON TERRORIST EVENTS INVOLVING RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL, OR EXPLOSIVE AGENTS

WHEREAS, City Council accepted and appropriated \$500,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA to fund the Oakland Fire Department Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) pursuant to Resolution No. 78905, CMS, dated October 28, 2004 to enhance integrated systematic mass casualty preparedness, with primary focus on terrorist events involving radiological, nuclear, chemical, biological or explosive agents.

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

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department will continue to update and integrate the MMRS components into our jurisdiction’s emergency response plans, along with any additional planning and training efforts that will be identified in the process; and

WHEREAS, The Oakland Fire Department will continue ongoing collaboration with other city, county, state and federal agencies to ensure that our terrorism response plans are consistent; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) has granted the City of Oakland Fire Department additional funds in the amount of two hundred and twenty thousand, seven hundred and sixty four dollars (\$220,764.00) to fund the Oakland Fire Department MMRS program and enhance integrated, systematic mass casualty preparedness until significant external assistance arrives, with primary focus on terrorist events involving radiological, nuclear, chemical, biological or explosive agents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate two hundred and twenty thousand, seven hundred and sixty four dollars (\$220,764.00) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/ODP MMRS to fund MMRS program costs for eighteen months and program enhancements and special equipment; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That revenues will be increased and funds by the grant amount of two hundred and twenty thousand, seven hundred and sixty four dollars (\$220,764.00) and appropriated to the following accounts: the Department of Health and Human Service Fund (Fund #2124), the Emergency Medical Services Division (organization #20913), the Emergency Medical Services program (Program #PS19), and a project to be determined; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should any additional funds be received, the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to appropriate the same for the purpose described above; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment request and audits, necessary to obtain grant funds provided that agreement shall be approved for form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, ____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California