

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

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**TO: OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**  
**ATT: DEBORAH EDGERLY**  
**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2004**

**RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO:**

**1) Accept and Appropriate a payment of two hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000.00) from the U.S. Department Of Homeland Security/FEMA - Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) to pay for emergency response coordination services by the Oakland Fire Department MMRS program, and,**  
**2) Enter into a contract with the U.S. Department Of Homeland Security/FEMA MMRS to provide emergency medical response services in Oakland and Surrounding jurisdictions for a period of one (1) year**

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**SUMMARY**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been the funding source for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) program since the program's 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). The City of Oakland has been awarded another contract in the amount of \$280,000 to continue the Oakland MMRS program. The \$280,000 is to be utilized to ensure program sustainability.

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate \$280,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA-Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) contract, for MMRS program sustainability that has been implemented by the Oakland Fire Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed resolution authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$280,000.00 of DHS contract funds for the sustainability of the MMRS program in the Oakland Fire Department. The contract funds will be utilized to cover costs of MMRS sustainability for one year, for continued program planning, implementation, training, equipment purchases and staff. Staff costs will be calculated at the prevailing overtime rate.

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This contract 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 amount \$280,000 to the following: the Department of Health and Human Service Fund (Fund #2128), 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 nationwide to have been selected as an MMRS city to receive much needed funding to develop an MMRS program, in order to be better prepared for a terrorist incident. To date, the Oakland Fire Department has received \$600,000.00 from DHHS to fund the MMRS program implementation in Oakland and to make equipment purchases.

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 training with all the respective emergency response agencies that would respond to a terrorist incident 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 terrorist incidents.

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

The current contract of \$280,000 is funding for the sustainability of the Oakland MMRS program. The funding will be utilized to ensure that the Oakland MMRS program remains fully operational for at least another year. Specifically, the contract will fund the continuance of updating and integrating the MMRS components into our jurisdiction's emergency response plans, the State's emergency plans, along with staff costs and any additional planning and training efforts that will be identified in the process. Staff costs will be calculated at the prevailing overtime rate. In addition, equipment purchases will be made, and special pharmaceuticals that are near expiration will be replaced, in order to ensure operational readiness.

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

In the wake of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, along with the subsequent cases of Anthrax exposure, and the bombings in Madrid, Spain, the threats of a terrorist attack continue to be real.

The City of Oakland and the entire Bay Area region have many target hazards. It is critical for Oakland to sustain 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 terrorist attack, 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 a terrorist incident.

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

### Economic:

An attempt to identify local vendors prior to purchasing supplies and equipment will be made.

### Social Equity:

Response planning, training and education will benefit all neighborhoods, including disadvantaged areas that could be impacted by a terrorist event.

### Environmental:

With the purchase of chemical detection devices, the environmental impact as a result of a terrorist event involving Weapons of Mass Destruction could be reduced through rapid detection and identification of the agent involved.

## **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 the likelihood of injuries or 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 ensure operational readiness during terrorist incidents.

**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

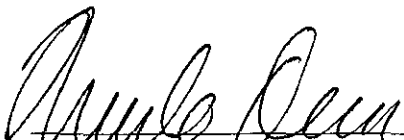
Staff recommends that City Council accept the report and approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate the \$280,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) contract to fund the sustainability of the Oakland MMRS program implemented by the Oakland Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,



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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



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