

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR
ATTN: DEBORAH EDGERLY
FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT
DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 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

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 a contract in the amount of \$280,000 to cover program costs from September 30, 2003 to September 30, 2004, with an extension to March 30, 2005.

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, to sustain the MMRS program 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 selected 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 provided 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 included 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. Emergency medical response services to surrounding jurisdictions will be provided under existing fire mutual aid agreements.

In May 2004, the original MMRS contract that required the development of plans for responding to an incident of terrorism involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) was completed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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 one year. Specifically, the contract will fund the continuance of updating and integrating the MMRS components into our jurisdiction's emergency response plans, and 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 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

There is a high probability of the likelihood of a terrorist incident that would create a potential threat to the safety of citizens and the environment. Therefore, response planning, awareness training, specialized equipment, supplies and education are critical in reducing the likelihood of injuries, 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.

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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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PREPARED BY: LT. Carlos Harvey
EMS Division

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

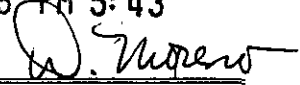
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RESOLUTION No. _____



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 RESPONSE SERVICES IN OAKLAND AND SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR.**

WHEREAS, City Council accepted and appropriated \$400,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA to pay for the development of a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) pursuant to Resolution No. 75728, CMS, dated May 23, 2000 and an additional \$200,000.00 to complete implementation of the MMRS program pursuant to Resolution No. 77307 CMS, dated July 23, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA MMRS wishes to award a contract to the Oakland Fire Department for the provision of emergency response coordination services in Oakland and surrounding jurisdictions in the amount of two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000) for a period of one year; and

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

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department will continue to update and integrate the MMRS components into the local jurisdiction's emergency response plans, the State's emergency 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 local, state and federal terrorism response plans are consistent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby accepts the award of contract and authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to enter into a contract with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA MMRS for the provision of emergency response coordination services in Oakland and surrounding jurisdictions for a period of one (1) year; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to accept and appropriate a payment of two hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000.00) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA MMRS for provision of emergency services, and such payment shall be appropriated to the Oakland Fire Department MMRS program; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That City revenues will be increased in the amount of two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000.00) and said funds will be appropriated to the following accounts: 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; 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, agreements, amendments, extensions, payments requests, invoices and applications necessary to carry out the purposes and requirements of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA MMRS contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA MMRS contract shall be reviewed and approved for form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and a copy shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, ____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California