

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Oakland Fire Department
DATE: June 24, 2008

RE: A Report and Resolution to Authorize the City Administrator or her Designee to Accept and Appropriate a Capacity Building Grant Award (CBA) for Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administered by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to Build the Capacity of the Newly Established Oakland Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate a \$10,000 Capacity Building Grant Award (CBA) from the United States Department of Health And Human Services and administered by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to build and establish the capacity of the newly established Oakland Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The grant payment will be made to the Oakland Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services by July 31, 2008. The CBA funds will be used for planning, recruitment, retention, training and exercises for volunteers as outlined in Oakland's approved grant proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this proposed resolution will authorize the application, acceptance and appropriation of \$10,000 Capacity Building Grant Award (CBA) from the United States Department of Health and Human Services and administered by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The grant period for the CBA is from April 2008 through April 2009. The CBA will be used for planning, recruitment, retention, training and exercises for volunteers. This grant does not require any matching funds from the City and there are no indirect costs such as, CSO, contract assessments, central stores, etc. affiliated with the CBA. There is no impact to the City General Fund.

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The \$10,000 in grant funds will be appropriated to the following accounts: the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Fund (2128), the Office of Emergency Services Division (20711), and Office Emergency Services/Homeland Security Program (PS21), and a project to be determined; that the same amount of funding to be appropriated to the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Revenue account (46129).

BACKGROUND

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program was founded after President Bush's State of the Union Address in 2002. During the State of the Union Address, he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. The MRC is a specialized component of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers. The Citizen Corps, along with the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Peace Corps are all part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promote volunteerism and service throughout the nation.

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers. In particular, the MRC focuses on medical professionals and others who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. In addition, other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers and legal advisors, can fill other vital support positions.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Oakland's public safety agencies are the primary emergency response force for the city of Oakland, as well as a local and regional mutual aid resource for other local municipalities; Oakland Fire Department has taken the lead role as the receiving and storage site for the area Strategic National Stockpile. In Cooperation with Alameda County Public Health and the City of Oakland's MMRS program, the Medical Reserve Corps goal is to provide the additional medical professional volunteers necessary to staff the City of Oakland's Point of Dispensing (POD) sites. A POD is a mass dispensing clinic that is capable of providing medications (prophylaxis) or vaccinations to protect the general population from biological threats or epidemics.

The Goals of a POD include:

- To decrease the number of individuals who may get ill.
- To provide information about the disease and the medical treatment (antibiotic or vaccine).
- To provide medication to an exposed population within a given time period. The specifics of the population and the time frame are often event specific.

A POD involves the following activities:

- Setup and execute a dispensing operation to serve populations before they become symptomatic.
- Locate and coordinate the personnel to staff the dispensing operation.
- Train and organize volunteers to perform dispensing site functions.
- Isolate symptomatic individuals and arrange to transport them to acute care facilities.
- Provide the public with information about community efforts to protect them from the threat.

A single POD with a flow of about 4,800 persons a day requires an average of 50 active core staff per 12 hour operational period. Based on the Bioterrorism and Epidemic Outbreak Response Model (BERM) developed by researchers at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, the City of Oakland would require 53 POD sites requiring over 6,000 core staff. Based on this model the need for medical professional volunteers is not only evident but imperative.

Through the Oakland MRC and the Bay Area MRC regionalization staff is working on the steps necessary for the City of Oakland to be prepared for this type of event.

Oakland MRC plans to augment training, exercises, and equipment through the Department of Homeland Security approved project to be funded by the FY07 Oakland MMRS grant award in the amount of \$25,000 and will continue to research other available funding sources to provide continued support and sustainment for the Oakland MRC.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The City of Oakland's proposal to establish a Medical Reserve Corps was officially approved by the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General on April 10, 2007. Established to provide volunteer medical professionals and resources, Oakland's MRC will augment those services in the community that are engaged in the health and welfare of residents and the community. One of the main objectives for the Oakland Medical Reserve Corps is to assist the City of Oakland and Alameda County Public Health with the distribution of mass prophylaxis in the event of bioterrorism or epidemic outbreaks.

Oakland's Medical Reserve Corps is also in the process of developing the first program in the nation for providing child care exclusively for First Responders, Disaster Service Workers and MRC volunteers during a prolonged emergency or catastrophic event.

Oakland's Medical Reserve Corps is partnering with the Marin MRC, Alameda County Public Health and the State of California Volunteers programs for collaborative planning and resource sharing in order to enhance our local and regional response capabilities. Oakland MRC is taking the lead to work with the Bay Area Super Urban Area Security Initiative (SUASI) and Cities

Readiness Initiative (CRI) groups to integrate the Bay Area MRCs into the regional level, for the purpose of training, exercises and equipment.

Currently, the Oakland MRC is in the process of developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) to formally establish these relationships. The process includes the development of the Bay Area MRC Regional Advisory Council. The City of Oakland's Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) supports the Oakland Medical Reserve Corps and has allocated \$25,000.00 of grant funds from the Federal MMRS FY07 award to the project.

Other types of activities that the Oakland MRC volunteers will participate in during non-emergencies, will include free health fairs, free immunizations, medical screenings, health and nutrition education, and volunteering in community health centers and local hospitals.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources and at times may be able to resolve medical emergencies without utilization of traditional emergency responders. This capability will enhance the emergency medical response and lessen the impact of an overwhelmed emergency medical response system thus providing an economic benefit to the citizens of Oakland by helping to move the disaster response towards a swift economic recovery.

Environmental: No environmental opportunities are anticipated.

Social Equity: The Oakland MRC's goal is to enhance Oakland's volunteer base that can be utilized during non-emergencies to serve underprivileged residents and community members with free health and safety services. During health emergencies, Oakland's MRC will augment health and medical resources increasing the likelihood that all geographic areas of Oakland will receive necessary services in a timely manner.

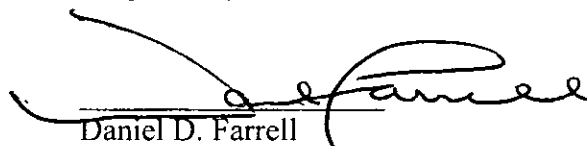
DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The MRC program is inclusive of all qualified Oakland residents in its training program. The program conforms with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or other applicable laws.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council accept this report and approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate a capacity building grant award for \$10,000 from the United States Department of Health And Human Services and administered by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to build the Capacity of the newly established Oakland Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

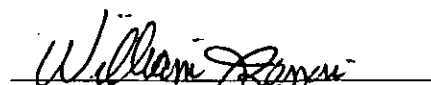
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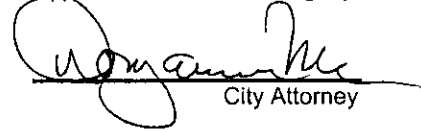

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Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

2008 JUN 12 RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HER
DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A CAPACITY BUILDING
GRANT (CBA) OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO), TO BUILD
CAPACITY OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CITY OF OAKLAND
MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)**

WHEREAS, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) administers grants from the Department of Health and Human Services (Grant Number: 1 MRCSG061001-02, CFDA Number: 93.008) to help build the capacity of local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Grant, NACCHO has agreed, among other things, to provide support to local MRC units and to encourage these units to provide certain information to the Office of the Surgeon General's Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OSG/CVMRC); and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Medical Reserve Corps has been awarded Capacity Building Award (CBA) Grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help build the capacity of the Oakland's unit, and there is no match requirement or additional General Purpose Fund appropriation necessary for indirect costs, such as CSO, Central Stores, Contract Assessment, etc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Grant, the Oakland Medical Reserve Corps, has agreed to undertake the activities indicated in the capacity building application and oversee such activities and to provide certain information to the OSG/CVMRC; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services has taken the lead role with Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services, for the Receiving and Dispensing of medicines for the City's Strategic National Stockpile and Point Of Dispensing (POD) sites; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Medical Reserve Corps shall assist the City of Oakland and Alameda County Public Health with the distribution of mass prophylaxis in the event of Bioterrorism or Epidemic Outbreak;

WHEREAS, the Oakland Medical Reserve Corps' goal is to provide the additional Medical Professional Volunteers necessary to staff the City of Oakland's POD sites; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate a grant of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the United States Department of Health And Human Services, administered by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), to help build capacity of the newly established City of Oakland Medical Reserve Corps (MRC); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the above-referenced grant of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) will be appropriated to the following accounts: the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Fund (2128), the Office of Emergency Services Division (20711), and Office Emergency Services/Homeland Security Program (PS21), and a project to be determined; that the same amount of funding to be appropriated to the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Revenue account (46129); and be it

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

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:

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