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AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim
FROM: Gerald A. Simon, Fire Chief
DATE: October 27, 2009

RE: **A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept a Three Hundred Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One Dollar (\$321,221.00) Grant From the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to Fund Oakland Fire Department Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program Planning, Equipment and Training**

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared requesting that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept a \$321,221 grant from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to fund Oakland Fire Department MMRS Program planning, equipment and training.

The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program is designed to enhance integrated systematic mass casualty preparedness, all-hazards approach. Oakland's primary focus is on events surrounding chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive devices (CBRNE). The Governor's Office of Homeland Security provides essential grant funding to sustain the program. For the federal fiscal year 2008-2009, the amount awarded to the City of Oakland is \$321,221.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund. This grant requires no matching funds. Funds will be appropriated to the California State Emergency Services Fund (2146), the Emergency Medical Services Division Organization (20913), Emergency Medical Services Program (PS19) and project number to be determined. The City will be reimbursed from the grant funds for MMRS program costs including management and administration in the amount of \$321,221. The grant period is October 2009 through December 2011. OFD grants manager, under the direction of the Fire Chief, will manage the grant.

The FY 2008-09 MMRS grant budget includes \$100,000 in program management costs which will be used to fund a Program Analyst I in the Oakland Fire Department, at the cost of \$83,640 plus the overhead cost of \$4,609. The grant will pay contract and purchasing fees when applicable. There is also \$175,000 for specialized medical equipment purchases and \$46,221 for training. Purchasing under the grant program may require modification depending on the current

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needs of the population. For example, if the H1N1 pandemic becomes a reality, funds will be re-allocated to purchase additional medical supplies and equipment such as masks, sanitizer or pharmaceuticals. Accordingly, the grant budget can be modified at the Fire Chief's discretion.

BACKGROUND

Since 1999, the City of Oakland has been one of 124 cities across the United States selected to have an MMRS program. This program is designed to enhance integrated systematic mass casualty preparedness, all hazards approach, with the primary focus on events surrounding chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive devices (CBRNE).

The focus of the MMRS jurisdictions addresses identified target capabilities and sustaining enhanced capabilities achieved through the implementation of plans and policies. The goals of the program are achieved using awarded funding which provides essential training and equipment as well as program management and administration. MMRS jurisdictions must also integrate health and medical assets into the functional organization of incident management in the community. MMRS assets are used in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, in the Oakland community first and then as needed to surrounding jurisdictions.

To date, the City of Oakland MMRS Program has funded essential medical supplies and equipment, first responder training and the implementation of the Medical Reserve Corps. The primary goals of the program are to develop critical response plans including a mass prophylaxis distribution plan that identifies community points of distribution (POD) sites throughout the Oakland community.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The MMRS Program addresses the need for the Oakland community to have emergency response plans that ensure operational viability of medical treatment facilities and POD sites throughout the city. These plans must address the unique needs of our seniors and disabled persons, as well as the economically disadvantaged, non-English speaking and low literacy residents.

The mass prophylaxis plan must be updated to support distribution of pharmaceuticals from the national stockpile to the entire population within 48 hours of receipt. Thus, staff must identify POD sites that are accessible from all major areas of the community and secure the required agreements.

The Program suffered a setback when EMS Division Chief Jean English lost her battle with cancer. Staff is working with Alameda County to meet the requirements of prior years' grants and modify requests as necessary to ensure that Oakland is able to provide the appropriate

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response if there is a local event. More recently, efforts have been focused on our ability to respond to the H1N1 pandemic. For example, the MMRS Program funded medical supplies and equipment for emergency personnel in Police and Fire Departments.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Oakland MMRS Program consists of CBRNE and all hazard mitigation programs. This includes mass decontamination and hazardous materials response capabilities, detection devices, personal protective equipment, training and exercises. Further, the program provides for maintenance of pharmaceutical cache with the capability to treat up to 1,000 victims of a nerve agent attack and 10,000 victims of a biological attack. The program is also an essential component for addressing issues associated with pandemics, such as H1N1. Current efforts are directed toward development and revision of response plans and identifying points of distribution in the Oakland community.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no direct economic issues associated with this report.

Environmental: There are no direct environmental issues associated with this report.

Social Equity: No social equity issues have been identified.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

All MMRS equipment and supplies meet ADA requirements. Further, all plans address the unique needs of Oakland's disabled and senior populations.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

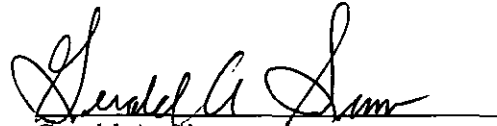
Continuing the MMRS program is essential to the City's ability to maintain an inventory of critical medical equipment and supplies, update plans and distribute pharmaceuticals to the Oakland community in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council accept the report and adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept a \$321,221 Metropolitan Medical Response System grant from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to fund Oakland Fire Department MMRS Program planning, equipment and training.

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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept a three hundred twenty one thousand two hundred twenty one dollar (\$321,221) Metropolitan Medical Response System grant from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to fund Oakland Fire Department MMRS Program planning, equipment and training.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald A. Simon
Fire Chief

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Office of the Fire Chief

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE


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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT A THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLAR (\$321,221.00) GRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO FUND OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (MMRS) PROGRAM PLANNING, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

WHEREAS, since 1999, the City of Oakland is a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department MMRS Program 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 Governor's Office of Homeland Security awarded the City of Oakland \$321,221.00 in grant funds for the federal fiscal year 2008-2009 to fund the Oakland Fire Department MMRS Program; and

WHEREAS, grant funding will be used to update essential emergency response plans, purchase medical supplies and equipment, provide program management and administration and critical training and applicable overhead and contract costs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to accept a three hundred thousand two hundred twenty one dollar (\$321,221.00) Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to fund Oakland Fire Department MMRS Program planning, equipment and training.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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