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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT MONEY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (MMRS)

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION: This report recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution.

CONTACT PERSONS: Dennis Smith, Interim Fire Chief, 264-5190
Rod Chong, Division Chief, 264-7368

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: July 20, 1999

SUMMARY:

The Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services is charged with assisting local governments by providing grant funds to plan, develop, purchase special pharmaceuticals, initiate equipment purchases, and identify training requirements for a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS). MMRS is being developed to provide response to the health and medical consequences of a nuclear, biological or chemical (NBC) terrorist incident. The City of Sacramento has been selected as one of forty-six (46) cities to receive this grant of \$400,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A terrorist act utilizing a biological or chemical agent poses a significant threat for massive initial population exposure to the released agent. This act poses massive demands on the health care system and may produce large numbers of deaths before effective public health prevention and control measures can be established. Much of the burden and responsibility for initiating an appropriate health system response to a biological or chemical terrorist attack rests on local government and the local health care system. With this in mind, the Federal government decided to assist local governments develop a Metropolitan Medical Response System.

Initially, twenty-seven cities were selected throughout the nation to develop MMRS including San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Jose. Along with the initial twenty-seven cities selected, nineteen other cities including the City of Sacramento have now been selected to plan and develop a MMRS for managing the human health consequences of a terrorist incident involving the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The MMRS is considered to be an enhanced local capability for an existing system and the equipment purchased will be integrated into the existing fire department system with other local fire departments participation. The MMRS will be able to detect and identify weapon material or agent, extract victims, administer appropriate care and antidote, decontaminate victims, triage them, and provide primary care prior to their transportation to a definitive medical care facility.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The contract is a grant in the amount of \$400,000. These monies are to provide support for the Fire Department to develop and augment plans directed at the early recognition of a biological event. In addition, these fiscal resources will provide support for mass immunizations/ prophylaxis, mass care, mass fatality management and environmental surety. The one time grant requires no matching funds. These monies will not provide for the upkeep and maintenance of equipment and supplies purchased.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report proposes no changes in the existing Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Materials operations.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Acceptance of the grant is consistent with the continued operating partnership within public safety and other government agencies.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

City procurement policies will be adhered to in the acquisition of goods and service for this grant, including ESBD solicitations.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Smith
Interim Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Sacramento:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign a grant from the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services for the development and implementation of a Metropolitan Medical Response System. This grant is for an amount of \$400,000.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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