



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 12.

Agenda Date: 1/11/2018

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: San Antonio Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles N. Hood

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

FY 2018 STRAC Grant Award Acceptance & Budget Appropriation

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant for goods and services from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount of \$32,146 and approves a program budget. Grant funds will be used by the San Antonio Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) division for eligible expenses including supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, vehicles, and communication equipment. In lieu of a disbursement of funds to the San Antonio Fire Department, STRAC will be responsible for the management of the grant and account for all funds being disbursed, and in turn, will be providing these specific goods and services to the San Antonio Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) division.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) was established to facilitate the development, implementation, and operation of a comprehensive trauma care system based on accepted standards of care to decrease morbidity and mortality. Funds are awarded to assist in improving the functionality of EMS agencies in the State of Texas. For each year, STRAC receives funds provided through the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) from the 911 System. These funds were divided among eligible providers within Bexar County based on a split between rural and urban areas, with the City of San Antonio Fire Department receiving goods and services totaling \$32,146.

This is the seventeenth year the City of San Antonio Fire Department has been awarded a STRAC Grant. Eligible expenses for the STRAC Grant include supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, vehicles and communication equipment. The City of San Antonio's FY 2018 funding allocation will be used for EMS supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, travel, and communication equipment.

ISSUE:

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ALTERNATIVES:

If the City did not receive grant funds, the expenses would be charged to the General Fund and/or requested through the budget process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount of \$32,146 and approves a program budget. There is no grant match requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept the grant award for \$32,146 from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC).