



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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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 MIH Haven for Hope Donation Acceptance

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of a donation from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount up to \$398,053. Donation funds will be used by the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit of the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department to help improve the health and daily activities of citizens utilizing services at Haven for Hope and reduce admissions and/or readmissions to hospital Emergency Rooms.

There is no donation match requirement. There is no change to personnel compliment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) was established to facilitate the development, implementation, and operation of a regional comprehensive trauma and emergency healthcare system based on accepted standards of care to decrease morbidity and mortality. Funds from STRAC are awarded to assist in improving the functionality of EMS agencies in the State of Texas. STRAC has received donation funding from Methodist Healthcare Ministries and other private hospital funding sources to help improve the health and daily activities of citizens utilizing services at Haven for Hope and reduce admissions and/or readmissions to hospital Emergency Rooms throughout the city.

Eligible expenses for the STRAC donation include salary and benefits, supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, vehicle and communication equipment. The MIH program will utilize a fully equipped and response ready small SUV that will be used by MIH medics to respond to Haven for Hope in a 911 intercept capacity. Donation amount is up to \$398,053.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a donation from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount up to \$398,053 and approves a program budget. Donation funds will be used by the MIH unit of the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department for eligible expenses including salary and benefits, supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, travel, and communication equipment to help improve the health and daily activities of citizens utilizing services at Haven for Hope and reduce admissions and/or readmissions to hospital emergency rooms.

Additionally, it is expected to favorably impact unit availability and response times for the EMS & Fire Divisions.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept the donation award up to \$398,053 from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC).