



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** SAFD

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Charles N. Hood

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

### **SUBJECT:**

FY 2015 STRAC Grant Award Acceptance & Budget Appropriation

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount of \$34,177.20 and approves a program budget. Grant funds will be used by the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department for eligible expenses including supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, vehicles, and communication equipment.

### **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 receiving funds totaling \$34,177.20.

This is the fifteenth 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 2015 funding allocation will be used for

EMS supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, travel, and communication equipment.

**ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) in the amount of \$34,177.20 and approves a program budget. Grant funds will be used by the EMS division of the San Antonio Fire Department for eligible expenses including supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, travel, and communication equipment.

**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 \$34,177.20 and approves a program budget. There is no grant match requirement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept the grant award for \$34,177.20 from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC).