FROM: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Approve and Execute the Agreement #C17-003 between the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency and the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) for the Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist grant. [All Districts]. [$130,000]; 50% State, 50% Federal funds.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute the Standard Agreement (C17-003) between the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of $130,000; and,

2. Authorize the Director of Emergency Management or designee to administer the Grant and to make ministerial revisions that do not change the substantive terms of the Agreement, as approved by County Counsel.

ACTION: Policy
C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND:

Summary
The California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) designated six regions responsible for the overall coordination of disaster mutual aid. Riverside County is within Region VI, which includes San Bernardino, San Diego, Imperial, Inyo and Mono counties. According to California Health and Safety Code 1797.152, each Region has a Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator (RDMHC) and a Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist (RDMHS) to facilitate medical mutual aid planning and coordination.

The RDMHC position is a volunteer position nominated by the medical/health professionals within a Region. The nomination is approved by the Directors of EMSA and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The Riverside County EMS Agency Director is the RDMHC for Region VI.

The RDMHS position is a paid position that is housed in Riverside County but funded by the California EMSA to support the activities of the RDMHC and the Region. The RDMHS assists in the development of a coordinated regional disaster medical and health response system.

The functions of the RDMHS are to manage and improve the Region VI medical and health mutual aid and mutual cooperation systems; coordinate medical and health resources; support development of the Operational Area Medical and Health Disaster Response System; and support the State medical and health response system through the development of information and emergency management systems.

This grant will support salary and benefits for the RDMHS as well as provide for travel and general office support.

Impact on Residents and Businesses
The role of the RDMHS is to plan for and coordinate medical and health resources within one of California’s six mutual aid regions during times of disaster or other major event requiring medical or health mutual aid.

FINANCIAL DATA

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SOURCE OF FUNDS: 50% State Funds, 50% Federal Funds

Budget Adjustment: No
For Fiscal Year: 17/18
When disaster strikes, local medical and health resources may be inadequate to meet the demand. The Medical/Health Mutual Aid System is designed to address this issue by facilitating the distribution of regional, state, and/or federal resources to the area(s) in need.

SUPPLEMENTAL:
Additional Fiscal Information
The EMS Authority provides $65,000 of State General Funds and $65,000 is provided from the federal Hospital Preparedness Program through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). This grant will support salary and benefits for the RDMHS, travel, and general office support. The total awarded amount of $130,000 was included as part of the FY 17/18 budget process.

Contract History
In FY 04/05, an Interagency Agreement (IA) between the EMS Authority and CDPH was established to share the expense of funding six full-time RDMHS positions throughout California. The EMS Authority and CDPH share the cost equally at 50% each. The IA is a year-to-year agreement and is renewed annually.

ATTACHMENT:

a) Standard Agreement #C17-003