



## COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 16, 2024

**ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER:** Consideration and Approval of MRC STTRONG - San Juan Health Department FY25 contract by Grant Sunada, Public Health Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

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### SUMMARY

The general purpose of this agreement is to support the establishment of a Utah Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit and develop the overall readiness of an MRC volunteer program with an emphasis on underserved areas, addressing the needs of at-risk individuals, and ongoing outreach.

The San Juan County Public Health Department proposes hiring a short-term, part-time employee/contractor to help build a local MRC unit. This person will help to recruit volunteers by working with local medical professional agencies (e.g., hospitals, EMS) and partnerships (Southeast Utah Healthcare Preparedness Coalition), connecting with the public through local fairs, religious organizations, and school programs, and contacting the chapter houses on the Navajo reservation and the White Mesa community of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

MRC activities are intended to be funded by the Public Health Emergency and Healthcare Preparedness Programs (PHEP and HPP) contract after the MRC STTRONG funds end in 2025.

### HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Approval of PHEP contract, and this is a unique, one-time, and related funding opportunity.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The reimbursable funding provided by the Department of Health and Human Services is \$35,000.00 from 06/01/2024 through 05/31/2025 with no funding requirement from local funds. The majority of these funds would go toward a part-time employee or contractor.