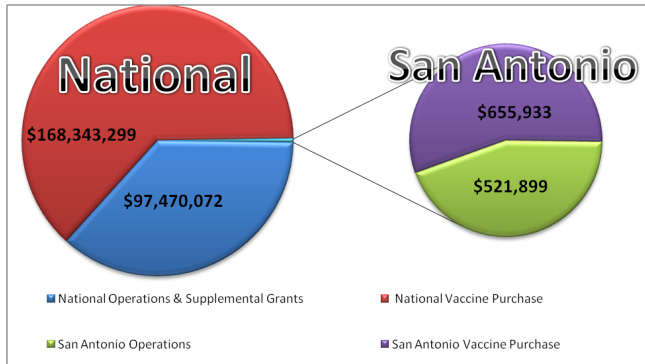




## SAN ANTONIO, TX

### ARRA Program Highlights

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District Immunization Division received more than **\$520,000** in America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to support immunization program operations and infrastructure and **\$656,000** in ARRA funds for the purchase of vaccine.



### ARRA immunization funds are being used to:

- Purchase and distribute more than 31,000 doses of vaccine. (Table 1)
- Hire 1 full time equivalent (FTE) administrative associate for processing, distributing and mailing promotional and education packets.
- Redesign the San Antonio Immunization Registry System (eSAIRS) to increase the number of child and adolescent immunization records housed in the system. New enhancements of eSAIRS include vaccine management, reminder/recall functions and automatic data exchange for providers.

- Conduct a community-based prenatal outreach program and vaccination campaign to reduce pertussis (whooping cough) in Bexar County. Tdap vaccinations are provided to parents, grandparents and caregivers of newborn infants. Vaccinating the caregivers of infants provides a “cocoon” of protection against pertussis, safeguarding the infant from exposure to deadly whooping cough disease, which is on the rise in the United States. In 2010 there were an estimated 21,291 cases of pertussis reported to the Centers for Disease Control.
- Conduct media promotions that focus on the importance of adult Tdap and influenza immunizations, vaccination of health care workers and the redesigned Immunization Information System, “eSAIRS”. Promotional materials are displayed around the San Antonio medical center, on buses, on billboards and posters.
- Purchase and distribute calibrated thermometers for refrigerators, freezers and temporary storage containers. These measures are recommended by CDC to assure that vaccine is stored at the correct temperature and to reduce incidents of wasted vaccine.

**Table 1. Vaccine Doses Ordered**

FY2009 and FY2010

Data Source: Centers For Disease Control and Prevention

Vaccine	Doses
Influenza	20,260
MCV	800
Tdap & DTaP-IPV	7,460
Varicella	3,000