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September 1, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract and all necessary amendments, including term extensions, with the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District for payment of administrative services related to the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services Supplemental Reimbursement program (GEMT). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services Supplemental Reimbursement program (GEMT) is a voluntary Certified Public Expenditure program authorized by the State of California Welfare and Institutions Code. The program provides additional funding to eligible governmental entities that provide GEMT services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. By providing emergency medical services and transport to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) is an eligible provider of GEMT services and has been participating in the GEMT program since the program's inception.

The State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has contracted with Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department (SMFD) to provide administrative services to the GEMT program. The administrative services include the development of GEMT cost reports, provision of technical information to the State and Federal governments, program development to expand the scope of eligible costs, and program guidance to participating agencies. As a participating agency, the LBFD is required to enter into an agreement with SMFD for these services. For their administrative fee, SMFD requires one percent of the GEMT gross State supplemental reimbursement and an estimated fee of \$1.50 per GEMT reimbursable transport. Administrative fees are based on GEMT cost reports submitted at the end of each State Fiscal Year. The previous agreement terminated June 30, 2014; the proposed agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2014 and will continue through June 30, 2017, covering State Fiscal Years 15 through 17.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra Carney on August 5, 2015 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 11, 2015.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The DHCS will not release GEMT reimbursement payments to participating agencies until the agreement with SMFD is approved. Therefore, City Council action on this matter is requested on September 1, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT

Administrative fees are estimated to be approximately \$27,000 for the three-year agreement or \$9,000 per year, and will be managed within each year's General Fund appropriation in the Fire Department. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIRE CHIEF

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER