

MOTION

Over the last several years, the Fire Department (LAFD) has participated in three programs operated by the State of California that enable the City to receive additional revenues to reimburse the City for a portion of the costs associated with emergency medical transport provided to Medi-Cal patients. These programs consist of the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Program, which provides the City with revenue based on cost reporting related to Medi-Cal "Fee-for-Service" patients; the Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Program, which enables the City to receive additional Federal funds for services provided to Medi-Cal "Managed Care" patients, and the Quality Assurance Fee (QAF), which enabled the City to secure supplemental Federal funds for all Medi-Cal patients. Both the IGT and QAF programs required the LAFD to make quarterly payments to the State Government, which were offset by the increased revenue realized as a result of the City's participation in these programs.

Effective January 1, 2023, these three programs have been consolidated into a single new program, the Public Provider Ground Emergency Transport (PP-GEMT) Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program. This program, like its predecessors, will require the City to make quarterly payments to the State Department of Healthcare Services to participate. These payments will be offset by increased revenues, and will have a positive impact on the General Fund. However, these payments will be much larger than previous payments, and the LAFD will require a Reserve Fund loan of \$9.5 million to make the first payment. Participation in these programs is a benefit to the City, and the Department estimates that the City will net approximately \$18 million as a result of the PP-GEMT IGT program, an increase of over \$4 million over receipts under the older program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. Authorize a Reserve Fund loan in the amount of \$9,559,813.82 to Fire Department Fund 100/38, Contractual Services Account 003040, to be reimbursed by the receipt of Public Provider Emergency Medical Transport Ground Emergency Medical Transport (PP- GEMT IGT) revenue in FY 2023-24;
2. Direct the Fire Department to Electronically transfer \$9,559,813.82 from Fire Department Fund 100/38, Contractual Services, Account 003040 to the State Department of Health Care Services by no later than June 15, 2023 for the Department's payment for participation in the PP -GEMT IGT Program;
3. Authorize the Fire Department to Deposit revenue received as part of the PP - GEMT IGT Program into Fire Department Fund 100/38, Revenue Source Code 4451 (Emergency Ambulance Services), and authorize the Controller to repay the \$9,559,813.82 Reserve Fund loan.
4. Direct the Fire Department and City Administrative Officer to report with recommendations to provide the funding necessary for continued participation in this program in the Fire Department's Operating Budget; and
5. Authorize the Fire Department, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments to comply with the intent of this Motion, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

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