



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
**For Agenda Of:** October 6, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director  
Director Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Nicholas Clay, (681-5394)  
Emergency Medical Services Agency Director  
**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to the American Medical Response West for Non-Emergency Transport Services for COVID-19 Response

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Amendment for American Medical Response West Agreement, to continue providing non-emergency transport services and symptom assessments for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 sheltered clients. This First Amendment extends the term through June 30, 2021, and increases funding by \$100,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$350,000; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activities, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda for your Board to approve and ratify a First Amendment with American Medical Response West (AMR) to continue providing non-emergency transport services, SARS-CoV-2 specimen collection services, and symptom assessments for COVID-19 at congregate living facilities as part of the County's COVID-19 response efforts.

**Background:** As part of the County’s response to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, the County entered into an agreement with AMR to assist the Public Health Department (PHD) with transportation for isolation and quarantine of either persons under investigation, or those that have tested positive, for COVID-19 to local area motel rooms. In addition, because of new flexibilities granted during the Public Health Emergency period for certain licensed professionals, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) were among those granted the ability to perform specimen collection services for SARS-CoV-2 testing. Therefore, the agreement also allows the County to use AMR to provide this specimen collection service, not only for the County’s own sponsored testing, but also for other facilities that request assistance with specimen collection for their own surveillance and other COVID-19 testing. Because this specimen collection assistance is generally in congregate living facilities and shelters, the agreement also allows AMR to assist the PHD in performing symptom assessments to help determine whether isolation may be warranted for residents.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

This proposed action will increase the American Medical Response West Agreement to an amount not to exceed \$350,000. Due to incurred transportation stand by costs and COVID-19 specimen collection services, it is anticipated that the PHD will expend \$350,000 for the contract term through June 30, 2021.

This Agreement will be funded through federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 75% and County Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act) funding at 25%.

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Estimated FY 2019-20 Cost:</b>	<b>Projected FY 2020-21 Cost</b>	<b>Total Agreement Cost</b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
Patient Service Fees			
Total	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 350,000.00

**Key Contract Risks**

N/A

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Please execute two (2) original Amendments with American Medical Response West and retain one (1) original Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email [Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org](mailto:Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org) when available for pickup.

**Attachments:**

- A. First Amendment to the American Medical Response West Agreement for COVID Response
- B. American Medical Response West Agreement for COVID Response

**Authored by:**

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