



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: July 14, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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: Conversion of Purchase Contract BLO4975 to a Board Contract and Amendment of the Agreement with American Medical Response West for Non-Emergency Transport Services for COVID-19 Response

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 Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor American Medical Response West (Agreement), to continue providing non-emergency transport services and symptom assessments for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 sheltered clients. This Agreement converts a Purchase Contract to a Board Contract, extends the term 4 months for a revised term of April 7, 2020 through September 30, 2020, and increases funding by \$100,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$250,000, inclusive of \$150,000 under Purchase Contract BLO4975, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Contract BLO4975; 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 an Agreement with American Medical Response West (AMR) to provide for 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. The County currently has a Purchase Order (No. BLO4795) with AMR for non-emergency transport service to support COVID-19 response, but due to continuing service needs, the Public Health Department (PHD) is requesting to enter into this agreement for a total contract maximum not to exceed \$250,000, inclusive of the \$150,000 under Purchase Order BLO4795, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order BLO4795. Approval of the recommended action will allow PHD to continue to provide 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 used its emergency contract authority for 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.

Thus, the request is for your Board to approve and ratify the Agreement 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 for the purpose of determining whether COVID-19 testing and isolation is needed (Attachment A). This Agreement converts a Purchase Contract to a Board Contract, extends the term 4 months for a revised term of April 7, 2020 through September 30, 2020, and increases funding by \$100,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$250,000, inclusive of \$150,000 under Purchase Contract BLO4975, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Contract BLO4975.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2019-20 Cost:</u>	<u>Projected FY 2020-21 Cost</u>	<u>Total Agreement Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Patient Service Fees			
Total	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 250,000.00

Because of incurred transportation stand by costs and COVID-19 specimen collection services, it is anticipated that the PHD will expend \$100,000 during FY 2019-20. Moving forward, it is anticipated that an additional \$150,000 will be expended to extend the agreement through September 30, 2020.

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

Key Contract Risks

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

- A. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor American Medical Response West
- B. Purchasing Contract (BL04975)

Authored by:

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