



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: District Attorney
Department No.: 021
For Agenda Of: January 26, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney, x82308
Contact Info: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, x82303
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020-21 Agreement with American Medical Response for Blood Draw Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with American Medical Response (AMR) to provide blood draw services for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities of funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office contracts with AMR for blood sample collection services in connection with local law enforcement when an individual is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of arrest. This agreement will allow the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office to continue to utilize AMR, the County's ambulance franchise provider, for blood sample collection services as authorized by Government Code section 31000. Law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney's Office require this service and the results are necessary to the investigation and prosecution of cases. Board approval of the professional services contract with

American Medical Response is now required because AMR has other professional service contracts with the County resulting in a cumulative contracted amount that exceeds \$200,000.

Background:

Historically, the District Attorney’s Office had contracted with an individually licensed phlebotomist for medical blood draw services but began utilizing American Medical Response as of October 2019. The District Attorney's Office recommends a new professional service agreement with American Medical Response (AMR) with a fiscal year term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, for the provision of blood draws when an individual is suspected of committing a crime while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Under this agreement, the contractor shall arrive on site for a blood draw no more than 60 minutes after a request is made by the District Attorney's Office or other local law enforcement agencies. The District Attorney's Office receives compensation through fines imposed and collected by the courts from those convicted of driving under the influence to partially cover the cost of these blood draws. The recommended agreement will allow the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office to continue to utilize AMR, the County's ambulance franchise provider, for blood sample collection services at a rate of \$75 per service episode, with an annual maximum amount of \$90,000 for the agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees	\$ 90,000.00		
Other:			
Total	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

There is not a mandate for these services. However, the District Attorney's Office has been contracting for these services for many years as a best practice to conduct blood sample collection when law enforcement suspects a person is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The District Attorney's Office receives compensation through fines, imposed pursuant to PC 1463.14 and collected by the courts, from those convicted of driving under the influence to partially cover the cost of these blood draws.

Key Contract Risks:

A risk assessment has been completed and key contract risks were not identified.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) fully signed original of the Agreement to:
John DeAlba, Department Business Specialist
Office of the District Attorney
1112 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Attachments:

- a) Board Contract

Authored by:

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