



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 18-093

MEETING DATE: 7/16/2018

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

PREPARED BY: David A. Segura, Fire Chief

Subject:

Approve and authorize execution of an Agreement with the City of Fountain Valley for an Emergency Medical Services Manager

Statement of Issue:

The attached agreement (Attachment 1) allows the City of Huntington Beach to contract with the City of Fountain Valley for the services of an Emergency Medical Services Manager. For ten (10) hours per week, the position will perform duties essential to the maintenance of the City's emergency medical services system.

Financial Impact:

Funds in the amount of \$35,669 are budgeted in the FY 2018/19 Fire Department budget in the *Fire Med Program* business unit (10065402.52000).

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute "Agreement for Consultant Services" with the City of Fountain Valley.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the agreement and instruct staff on how to proceed.

Analysis:

The City of Huntington Beach maintains a close working relationship with the City of Fountain Valley for fire and emergency medical service responses. Both cities also participate as members of the Central Net Operations Joint Powers Authority for training in these and other related areas. This cooperative relationship has resulted in many benefits for both agencies, including more effective emergency responses, sharing of resources, cost savings, and a familiarization with the emergency response needs of both communities.

At this time, the City of Fountain Valley has offered to enter into an agreement with the City of Huntington Beach for the services of an Emergency Medical Services Manager. Some of the critical duties the position would perform include:

1. Developing continuous quality improvement training for emergency medical service delivery

2. Providing emergency medical service training and support for newly hired paramedics, firefighters and ambulance operators
3. Providing Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training for firefighters and ambulance operators
4. Auditing electronic patient care reports
5. Serving as the communicable disease exposure officer for both organizations

The proposed agreement would share costs for the position, with Fountain Valley paying \$107,008 (75%) and Huntington Beach paying \$35,669 (25%). The total cost for the position is \$142,677, which includes all compensation for the classification.

Previously, a part-time position was included in the Fire Department for approximately the same cost. However, the position was difficult to fill due to a shortage of registered nurses interested in this type of part-time work. The proposed arrangement with Fountain Valley provides greater depth of resource and the institutional history associated with a full-time position.

The attached agreement would remain in effect for three years, through June 30, 2021, and will provide mutual benefit to both agencies.

Environmental Status:

None.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain public safety

Attachment(s):

1. Agreement for Consultant Services with the City of Fountain Valley