

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 5

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING; ADOPT RESOLUTION; AND
REQUEST TO ISSUE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR THE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CORPS PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On July 18, 2023 (1), the Board of Supervisors authorized San Diego County Fire (County Fire) to apply for grant funds to promote fire protection and emergency medical services to residents in our region. County Fire, which includes the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, has the responsibility for promoting a local EMS system that meets the needs of all residents. The EMS Office is responsible for the certification of all local Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and the accreditation of paramedics. This includes certifying local EMT and paramedic training academies that ensure local fire agencies and private ambulance transportation providers have the workforce available to serve residents.

Today's actions include approval to accept grant funds of up to \$1,500,000 for the period of August 30, 2024 through January 31, 2027, from the state Employment Development Department (EDD) to plan and implement an EMS Corps program in San Diego County; adopt a resolution; authorize the Director of Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for the development and implementation of an EMS Corps program in San Diego County: direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the San Diego Workforce Partnership, the Children's Initiative, and other entities to ensure there is sustainable funding after the grant period ends.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CORPS PROGRAM GRANT.
2. Authorize County Fire to accept up to \$1,500,000 in grant funds from the California Employment Development Department for the period of August 30, 2024 through January 31, 2027, to plan and implement an EMS Corps program in San Diego County and authorize the Director of San Diego County Fire, or designee, to execute all grant documents and agreements, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter services or funding levels.
3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for the development and implementation of an EMS Corps program in San Diego County, and upon successful negotiation and determination of fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of one (1) year with up to four (4) one-year options and an additional (6) six months

if needed, subject to the availability of funds and a need for the services, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect the changes to services and funding, subject to approval of the Director of San Diego County Fire.

4. Authorize the amendment of existing contracts, if needed, for the purpose of the EMS Corps program.
5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the San Diego Workforce Partnership, the Children's Initiative, and other appropriate entities to identify funding sources to sustain the EMS Corps program once the California Employment Development Department grant period ends.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The EMS Corps program is focused on providing training opportunities for transitional age youth from historically underserved communities. This includes focusing outreach to young people who are or have been impacted by the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems. Included in the EMS Corps grant funding is a planning phase, which will include community leaders, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training programs, the County's Child and Family Well-Being Department, the County Probation Department, and the District Attorney's Office. The group will focus on geographic communities that are most underrepresented in the EMS workforce, to ensure the final program reduces barriers to entry and increases success for transitional age youth interested in full-time employment within Emergency Medical Services and healthcare systems.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to establish an EMS Corps program in San Diego County supports just and equitable access to County services, and resource allocation in underserved communities. EMS Corps is focused on transitional age youth who are, or have been, involved in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems. In addition, the program seeks to promote an Emergency Medical Services workforce that reflects the population being served.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, one-time costs and revenue of \$181,820 for today's proposed actions are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire (County Fire). Additional costs and revenue, estimated at \$1,318,180, will be included in future years Operational Plans for County Fire. The funding source is a grant from the California Employment Development Department. There are no match requirements for this grant. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-088, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CORPS PROGRAM GRANT.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Vargas

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter