

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 19-047

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *RMT* Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: MEASURE B FUNDING – MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT,
AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

On November 5, 2002, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure B authorizing a parcel tax to provide funding for the Countywide System of Trauma Centers, Emergency Medical Services and Bioterrorism Response.

On April 30, 2010, City Council approved acceptance of Measure B funds for enhancement of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Trauma Air Transport Services and related staffing (CF 10-0458). The approval authorized the Fire Chief to execute the Medical Control Agreement with the County, which required LAFD to:

1. Provide the Department of Health Services inter-facility helicopter transports between County facilities, when requested, through the medical alert centers.
2. Subject to availability, participate in local delivery of pharmaceutical and medical supplies, including the Strategic National Stockpile, via aircraft transport as necessary in the event of a terrorism incident or public health.

The Agreement authorized County Measure B funds up to the following maximum allocations for the respective fiscal years:

Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11: \$1.3M

Fiscal Year 2011-12: \$1.1M

Fiscal Years 2012-13 and 2013-14: \$327,000

Measure B funds reimbursed LAFD for the following costs toward providing the above services: one Assistant Fire Chief position designated as the Trauma Care Coordinator (ongoing); a contractor to provide Trauma Care Coordinator services (ongoing); continuing education to Air Operations Division staff (ongoing); three Pilot Trainee positions (FYs 2009-10 through 2011-12); purchase and installation of enhanced safety equipment for the aircraft (FY 2009-10).

In FY 2014-15, the County and City executed Amendment No. 1 which increased annual funding from \$327,000 to \$358,000, and provided a onetime additional \$80,000 allocation enabling LAFD to procure aeromedical equipment for patient care, for a total of \$438,000. Beginning FY 2018-19, the County proposes increasing the annual allocation to \$440,000 through execution of Medical Control Agreement, Amendment No. 2. The additional funding will enhance reimbursements to LAFD for the cost of services provided to the County.

The attached Amendment has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney as to legal form.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute Medical Control Agreement, Amendment No. 2 with Los Angeles County to provide increased Measure B funding.
2. In accordance with Executive Directive 3, transmit Amendment No. 2 to the Office of the City Administrative Officer for review.

FISCAL IMPACT

Medical Control Agreement, Amendment No. 2 with the County increases annual Measure B funding by \$82,000 from \$358,000 to \$440,000 beginning FY 2018-19 and in subsequent years.

Board report prepared by Ngozi Mbamalu, Senior Management Analyst II, Administrative Services Bureau.

Attachment