



LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 19-087

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: MEASURE B FUNDING – MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT,
AMENDMENT NO. 3 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 Withdrawn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, Council approved receipt of Measure B funds, and authorized the Fire Chief to execute the Medical Control Agreement with Los Angeles County for the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to provide the following services (C.F. 10-0458):

1. When requested, provide the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services inter-facility helicopter transports between County facilities through the medical alert centers.
2. As necessary and subject to availability, participate in local delivery of pharmaceutical and medical supplies, including the Strategic National Stockpile, via aircraft transport in the event of significant terrorism or public health incidents.

The Agreement was retroactive to July 1, 2008 for an indefinite term, with a provision for either party to terminate upon at least 180 days written notice. The County would reimburse the City for service-related expenses through an annual maximum Measure B funding allocation. The below table summarizes the respective allocations for FY 2008-09 through FY 2018-19 as authorized by the Medical Control Agreement and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2, as well as the proposed Amendment No. 3 recommended for Board approval.

Medical Control Agreement	Fiscal Year	Maximum Funding Allocation	City Expense Items
	2008-09	\$1.2M	Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) Pilot Trainees (3 positions) Trauma Care Services (contract) Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
	2009-10 and 2010-11	\$1.3M (Each FY)	Enhanced aircraft safety equipment (FY 2009-10, only) Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) Pilot Trainees (3 positions) Trauma Care Services (contract) Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
	2011-12	\$1.1M	Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) Pilot Trainees (3 positions) Trauma Care Services (contract) Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
	2012-13 and 2013-14	\$327,000 (Each FY)	Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) Trauma Care Services (contract) Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
Amendment No. 1	2014-15 through 2017-18	\$327,000 (Each FY, plus additional one-time \$80,000 for FY 14-15)	Aeromedical patient care equipment (FY 14-15, only) Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) Trauma Care Services (contract) Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
Amendment No. 2	FY 2018-19	\$440,000	Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) Trauma Care Services (contract) Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
Amendment No. 3 (Proposed)	FY 2019-20 (Ongoing)	\$440,000 (Ongoing each FY, plus additional one-time \$566,591 for FY 19-20)	Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (FY 19-20, only) Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) Trauma Care Services (contract) Air Ops. Pilots continuing education

The LAFD aircraft fleet includes five medium lift helicopters that respond to EMS and other types of emergency incidents. Helicopter responses often involve rugged terrain and unimproved landing sites in inaccessible or remote areas, or improvised landing sites such as during swift water, hoisting, and search and rescue operations. To increase flight crew and public safety, the two newer LAFD helicopters include a factory installed Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (EGPWS). The EGPWS provides digital elevation data to predict the positioning of the aircraft relative to the ground, and early audible and visual warnings for terrain awareness. Amendment No. 3 authorizes in FY 2019-20, in addition to the annual \$440,000 allocation, one-time

Measure B funding of \$566,691 for LAFD to purchase and install the EGPWS on the three medium lift helicopters that lack this equipment.

The attached Amendment No. 3 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. 3 with Los Angeles County to provide increased Measure B funding in FY 2019-20.
2. In accordance with Executive Directive 3, transmit Amendment No. 3 to the Office of the City Administrative Officer for review.

FISCAL IMPACT

Medical Control Agreement, Amendment No. 3 with Los Angeles County provides in FY 2019-20 one-time Measure B funding of \$556,691 in addition to the ongoing annual allocation of \$440,000.

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

Attachment

MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT

Amendment No. 3

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of June, 2019,

By and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(hereafter "County"),

And

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT
(hereafter "Provider")

Business Address:

200 North Main Street, #1700
Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled "Medical Control Agreement," dated July 1, 2008, and further identified as Agreement No. H-704387, and any amendments thereto (all hereafter collectively referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2014, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Director of Health Services, or her designee, to execute future Amendments to adjust the funding for Los Angeles City Fire Department, within the \$4,400,000 annual approved Measure B allocation designated for Expanded Trauma Access; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend the Agreement to allocate an additional one-time only funding of Five Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$566,691) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that changes in accordance to Paragraph 17, Severability, shall be made in the form of a written Amendment to the Agreement which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, Provider warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Amendment shall commence and be effective upon execution.
2. Agreement, EXHIBIT I, ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS AIR AMBULANCE REGULATIONS (MEDICAL CONTROLS AGREEMENT), Paragraph 2, FUNDING, Section D, FUNDING, is deleted in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

"2. FUNDING

D. Funding: Funding from the Measure B TPA to the Los Angeles City Fire Department shall be an ongoing annual allocation.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 maximum obligation approved by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) is up to One Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000).

FYs' 2009-10 and 2010-11 annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000).

FY 2011-12 maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to One Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000).

FYs' 2012-13 and 2013-14 annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$327,000).

FYs' 2014-15 through 2017-18 annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$358,000), with an additional one-time only allocation of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for FY 2014-15 for a total Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$438,000).

The annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO, beginning in FY 2018-19 and any future FY, is up to Four Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$440,000)."

For FY 2019-20 an additional one-time only allocation of Five Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$566,691) is added for a total of One Million, Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$1,006,691)."

3. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by the County's Director of Health Services, or designee, and Provider has caused this Amendment to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer, on the day, month, and year first above written.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
Ralph M. Terrazas
Fire Chief
Los Angeles Fire Department

By: _____
Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.
Director of Health Services

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By: _____
Deputy City Attorney

By: _____
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Director
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