



# AGENDA REPORT

Fire Department

<b>DATE:</b>	April 15, 2025
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Aaron Osorio, Fire Chief Rico Rincon, Deputy Fire Chief Victor Bontempo, Battalion Chief/EMS Director
<b>Subject:</b>	Interagency Agreement with Contra Costa County Health Services for Emergency Medical Services Program
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	The funding consists of an allocation not to exceed \$229,462 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Account Strings 1077-107062022).
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	October 18, 2022
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	The Fire Department receives funding through a tax measure (Measure H) passed in 1988 from the Contra Costa County Health Services Division in support of the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program. City staff are requesting approval of the interagency agreement to continue receiving this funding for the current fiscal year.
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE a total of \$229,462 in Measure H funding from the Contra Costa County Health Services Division; and APPROVE an interagency agreement for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 – Fire Department (Chief Aaron Osorio 510-307-8021/Deputy Chief Rico Rincon 510-307-8041/Battalion Chief Victor Bontempo 510-620-6893).

**DISCUSSION:**

In 1988, Contra Costa County voters passed Measure H, which provided enhancements to the Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services System. These funds are provided annually to fire agencies throughout the County to be used solely for emergency medical training/education, emergency and rescue equipment, and medical supplies.

Funding distributions were based on a “per engine” formula for many years. However, beginning in 2009, fire station closures began to prevent the full distribution of funds. This created an unintended budget shortfall for impacted fire agencies. On May 14, 2013, a population-based allocation formula was adopted in an effort to support preserving fire first medical response to mitigate the reductions to fire agency funding.

The proposed interagency agreement would provide the City with Measure H funding of up to \$229,462 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Attachment 1).

City staff recommends that the City Council (1) adopt the resolution to accept and appropriate funding from Contra Costa County Health Services toward the Fire Department’s Emergency Medical Services program, and (2) approve an interagency agreement for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 (Attachment 2).

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

- Attachment 1 – Contra Costa County Interagency Agreement #23-551-5
- Attachment 2 – Resolution