



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.19

MEETING DATE: 05/20/2025

DEPARTMENT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Kris Mangano

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SUBJECT:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - K. MANGANO

Approve subsidy increase for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$180,000.00 with ambulance rate increase, pursuant to Section 9.03 of the Agreement to Provide Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service to the County of San Benito.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 1068

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Section 9.03 of the Agreement to Provide Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service to the County of San Benito, American Medical Response is formally requesting a subsidy increase for the Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$180,000, with an increase to the ambulance rate of 3.4%, to supplement the current amount of \$421,458.00, bringing the total annual subsidy to \$601,458.00.

Based on the average of only 224 monthly transports, government payor sources exceeding 70% of the total insured, and a decreasing annual collection rate currently projected to linger under 20%, the subsidy increase is the only sound approach to safeguard fiscal stability in the current economic environment. The 3.4% ambulance rate will increase the base rate by \$124.55 for a new total of \$3,787.69. The subsidy will be paid out of the CSA 36 funds, Advanced Life Support (paramedic services), which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1990. The Benefit Assessment Unit (BAU) is \$20.00, which is the maximum amount allowed.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

Current contract with American Medical Response is effective July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2026.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

Current subsidy of \$421,458.00 annually

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

227.15.2475.1000.619.250

CURRENT FY COST:

\$421,458.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is respectfully recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve an annual subsidy increase of \$180,000.00 bringing the total annual subsidy to \$601,458.00. and approve the ambulance base rate increase of 3.4%, effective July 1, 2025.

BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

Item continued to a future meeting. (5/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

[Rate Increase Request](#)

[AMR Contract](#)