



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 3, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: David Brannigan, Fire Chief

Subject: Purchase Order Amendment: Life-Assist, Inc. for Emergency Medical Supplies

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the Purchase Order with Life-Assist, Inc., increasing the purchase order amount by \$110,000, for a total amended amount not to exceed \$1,110,000, to provide additional funding for emergency medical supplies.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The amendment will add \$110,000 to cover the emergency medical supplies for FY 2018 and FY 2019. \$50,000 will be appropriated in the Paramedic Tax Fund (160-6405-420-5520) as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. The FY 2019 allocation will be subject to the approval of the FY 2019 Adopted Mid-Biennial Budget Update and the FY 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. This increase in expenditures will be offset by the anticipated increase in ambulance fees collected for paramedic services provided by the fourth ambulance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Berkeley Fire Department requires emergency medical supplies and equipment to respond to emergency medical calls. On July 8, 2014, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 66717, authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Life-Assist, Inc. for emergency medical supplies and equipment from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, with an option to extend for an additional period up to a maximum of five years, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 or \$200,000 a year.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Fire Department purchases emergency medical supplies and equipment for the purpose of treating and caring for needed patients on emergency medical calls. Prior to FY2018, three ambulances were in full operations. Effective July 1, 2017, the

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City put a fourth ambulance in full operation. There is a need to increase funding to provide medical supplies for the fourth ambulance.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Emergency medical supplies and equipment are necessary to provide paramedic services to the community.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER AMENDMENT: LIFE ASSIST, INC. FOR EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, emergency medical supplies and equipment are required to provide treatment to patients on emergency medical calls; and

WHEREAS, a fourth ambulance is put in full operation effective July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the funding to provide medical supplies for the fourth ambulance; and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of \$50,000 will be appropriated in the Paramedic Tax Fund (Budget Code: 160-6405-420-5520) as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance and the FY 2019 allocation will be subject to the approval of the FY 2019 Adopted Mid-Biennial Budget Update and the FY 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to the purchase order with Life Assist, Inc. for \$110,000 for a total amended amount not to exceed \$1,110,000.

