

City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 10/23/06		Item Number: <u>A-7</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Authorization of the Purchase of Six 12-Lead Cardiac Monitor Units and Training of Fire Department Personnel in their Use and Approval of a Related Budget Amendment.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (10/18/06)			
Department Approval: Jeff Eastman (10/12/06)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (10/18/2006)	
City Controller Approval: Mary V. Noller (10/18/2006)			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council authorize the appropriation of \$127,020.00 for the purchase of six 12-lead cardiac monitor units in the amount of \$127,020 and training of fire department personnel in their use, and approve the related budget amendment. (This entire sum will be reimbursed by the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency as per the Cardiac Care Program Equipment Agreement.) <u>A budget amendment requires a 4/5ths vote.</u> <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> On September 5, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved the ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Center Program. The goal of this program is to identify 9-1-1 cardiac patients experiencing a STEMI type of heart attack, and transport them to an approved STEMI Receiving Center (SRC) hospital for definitive diagnosis and treatment. A STEMI patient's outcome can improve if definitive treatment is administered quickly. As a result of this program approval, each advanced life support (ALS) unit must be equipped with 12-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) capability and staffed with paramedics trained in its use.			

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The STEMI program has proven to be successful and the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) has required all 911 EMS Providers in Los Angeles County to implement a 12-lead EKG/STEMI program. This unfunded mandate created a significant financial impact to individual cities, such as the City of Culver City, which lack the equipment and training to implement such a program.

The Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County Fire Departments received grant funding from the Annenberg Foundation to purchase 12-lead EKG equipment and to provide training to implement a 12-lead EKG/STEMI Program.

The Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association (LAAFCA) recognized the vital importance of the STEMI Program. Fire Chief Jeff Eastman, representing the LAAFCA, began negotiations with the EMSA in 2005 requesting funding to support the STEMI program. The negotiations were successful and on September 5, 2006 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to use 4 million dollars of Measure "B" funds to reimburse the remaining cities, including the City of Culver City, for equipment and training costs.

Three vendors have been involved with the LAAFCA and have developed group purchase plans for the Los Angeles Area Providers. After evaluation, the Department determined the Philips MRX 12-lead cardiac monitor would best meet our needs to serve the Culver City community. This unit will meet the parameters and pricing required by the Cardiac Care Program Equipment Agreement.

County Counsel requires the City of Culver City to enter into an agreement, the Cardiac Care Program Equipment Agreement, with Los Angeles County for reimbursement of City funds spent on equipment and training to implement the STEMI program.

Upon implementation of the STEMI Program, using the 12-lead EKG monitor, STEMI patients can be quickly identified by the paramedics and transported to an approved STEMI Receiving Hospital for the definitive life saving treatment.

STEMI Receiving Centers will be required to meet identified criteria and apply for approval. It is anticipated that Brotman Hospital will apply for STEMI Receiving Center status.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Cardiac Care Program Equipment Agreement requires that individual cities purchase their own equipment by December 31, 2006 in order to qualify for reimbursement. The LA County EMSA approved the City of Culver City for

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reimbursement for the purchase of six 12-lead cardiac monitors up to \$17,000.00 per unit and training costs of \$25,020.00 for a total program cost of \$127,020.00.

The expense of acquiring the program equipment and training is requested as a budget amendment to the City's General Fund until reimbursement is received by Los Angeles County under the Cardiac Care Program Equipment Agreement. Should the City Council approve this request, the reimbursement is expected to occur during the first half of calendar year 2007 (within Fiscal Year 2006/2007).

A budget amendment requires a 4/5ths vote.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

- 1) Authorize staff to enter into the Cardiac Care Program Equipment Agreement with Los Angeles County, for reimbursement of six 12-lead cardiac monitors and equipment training (including reimbursement of the \$127,020); and,
- 2.) Authorize the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents; and
- 3.) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and
- 4.) Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$127,020 for equipment purchase and training to be reimbursed per the Cardiac Care Program Equipment Agreement. **This item requires a 4/5ths vote.**