



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

FY 2023-2024 State of Florida Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Program Resolution and Amendment.

Presenter:

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Description:

Resolution and Budget Amendment for the FY2023-24 State of Florida Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Program for Medicaid Managed Care Payment and Intergovernmental Transfer Program.

Recommended Action:

Adopt the Resolution and approve the budget amendment.

Prior Board Motions:

On December 10, 2019, the Board approved the 2019-20 State of Florida Medicaid Managed Care Payment and Intergovernmental Transfer Program.

Fiscal Note:

The FY2023-24 Adopted Budget includes \$1,300,630.00 of anticipated PEMT revenue. The total allotment for Alachua County is \$4,080,607.62 which results in a net unanticipated Managed Care Option (MCO) revenue of \$2,779,977.62 (\$4,080,607.62-\$1,300,630.00) (091.54.5450.349.00.00 #6195410). The additional revenue will require the County to provide the State share through an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) of \$1,715,487.44 (091.54.5450.526.49.00 #6195410). After the IGT, the net unanticipated revenue to recognize and allocate for the MCO is \$1,064,490.18 (\$4,080,607.62-\$1,300,630.00-\$1,715,487.44). Staff recommends an allocation of \$70,954.00 for vendor fees (091.54.5450.526.34.00 #6195410-ALL), \$633,536.00 for EMS Equipment replacement and enhancement (091.54.5450.526.52.00 #6195410-ALL \$318,536.00 and 091.54.5450.526.64.00 #6195410-ALL \$315,000.00), \$30,000.00 for upgrades to the Lofton training center (091.54.5450.526.46.00 #6195410-ALL), \$300,000.00 for Fire Rescue training (091.54.5450.526.55.00 #6195410-ALL), and \$30,000.00 toward a 50-year anniversary celebration for Fire Rescue (091.54.5450.526.48.00 #6195410-ALL).

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

Since 2016, Alachua County has participated in the Florida Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Managed Care Reimbursement Program. Supplemental funding was established to help close the gap between cost incurred to provide services and revenue received for each emergency medical transport provided to a Medicaid fee for service patient. This was the first step to address the challenge of current Medicaid reimbursement rates.

The FY2023-24 Managed Care Option is \$4,080,607.62. The FY2023-24 Adopted Budget includes \$1,300,630.00 which leaves a net amount of \$2,779,977.62 to recognize and allocate. This revenue will require an Intergovernmental Transfer to the Agency of Health Care Administration (AHCA) of \$1,715,487.44. The net additional unanticipated revenue increase is \$1,064,490.18 (\$2,779,977.62 – \$1,715,487.44).

The Department recommends the following allocation plan for the net \$1,064,490.18 unanticipated revenue:

- \$633,536 for equipment replacement and enhancement. These funds will be used to replace stretchers, extrication equipment, technical rescue equipment, drone equipment, etc.
- \$30,000 for upgrades at the Loftin training center.
- \$300,000 be allocated to cover expenses related to technical training such as firefighting school, EMT and Paramedic certifications, Urban Search and Rescue classes, and Leadership training.
- \$30,000 for public purpose event(s) to celebrate the 50th Year Anniversary of the Alachua County Department of Fire Rescue. The Department may get sponsors and donations to offset and/or reduce this cost estimate.
- \$70,954 for Contract services for the assistance from consultant to complete program requirements and collect the additional revenue. The program requires a 3% payment for the Managed Care component.

The resolution authorizes the participation in the supplemental payment program and amends the FY2023-24 Adopted budget for the unanticipated revenue and expenditures. The program may require additional agreements with AHCA and Manager Care Providers. The resolution authorizes the Manager to execute those agreements. PCG Consulting Services (PCG) has provided support in compiling the data and submitting the funding requests to obtain additional PEMT revenues. The existing agreement with PCG would allow them to continue these efforts and provide assistance.