



Board Agenda Item 43

DATE: August 20, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: David Luchini, RN, PHN, Director of Public Health

SUBJECT: Agreement with Alert Medical Training, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with Alert Medical Training, Inc. for a Rural Emergency Medical Technician Training Program, effective upon execution through June 30, 2027, which includes two optional one-year extensions, total not to exceed \$300,000.

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action, which will allow the Department of Public Health (Department) to contract with Alert Medical Training, Inc. (AMT) to provide Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training throughout the rural and underserved populations in the County of Fresno, at no cost to trainees. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There are no viable alternative actions. Should your Board not approve the recommended action, the Department would be unable to implement this Rural EMT Training Program in rural, underserved populations in the County of Fresno.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The maximum amount of the recommended agreement (\$300,000) will be fully offset by a mix of Future of Public Health (FoPH) Funding and Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) grant funding, as long as those funds are available to the County from the California Department of Public Health. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues will be included in the Department's Org 5620 FY2024-25 Recommended Budget and will be included in future budget requests for the duration of the contract.

DISCUSSION:

The Department has determined that there is a need to implement an EMT training program in the rural underserved populations of the County. Most EMT training programs operate in the City of Fresno, which make it difficult for many individuals to find transportation to the City to attend EMT trainings. This Program will provide training to rural residents throughout the County at no cost to the trainees.

On February 15, 2024, the Department released Request for Quotation (RFQ) #24-038 for a qualified vendor to implement an EMT training program for rural residents in the County. The RFQ closed on March 25, 2024, and one quotation was received from AMT. Following review of AMT's submission, the Department determined that AMT has the required qualifications and experience to satisfy the needs of this Rural EMT Training Program in a cost-effective manner.

AMT will provide a representative to attend all informational meetings set up in coordination with the County to provide a background of EMT requirements, program eligibility, training requirements, and employment prospects as an EMT. AMT will work with the County to find adequate free to low-cost facilities to provide an EMT Training Program within the rural communities. AMT will work with EMT students to obtain training and field experience required to pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination.

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department to partner with AMT to implement a Rural EMT Training Program allowing underserved populations to build careers by entering the healthcare field.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement with AMT

CAO ANALYST:

Ron Alexander