



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#17-0596**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** June 6, 2017

**TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from Broward County  
for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) County  
Grant Program

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from Broward County Office of Medical Examiner and Trauma Services – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) County Grant Program; and to execute any documents required to accept funds from Broward County.

**Background**

The State of Florida, Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services through Broward County Office of Medical Examiner & Trauma Services has sub-granted the FY 2017 Broward County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant Program to the City of Fort Lauderdale to provide funds to address EMS equipment, training and other needs.

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) consists of 401 personnel with approximately 380 of those trained to the level of firefighter/paramedic. With a call volume of almost 55,000 runs annually the department runs a diverse number of medical calls. Approximately 25-30% of our medical call volumes are pediatrics. Fire Rescue paramedics are the "first line of defense" for emergency medicine in many of our neighborhoods, and for many of these neighbors, we are the sole medical treatment provider.

FLFR's training bureau is responsible for all of the EMTs and paramedics continuing education credits (CEUs). On an annual basis, we provide 24-48 pediatric advanced life support (PALS) classes a year to ensure that our medics/EMTs are certified and up-to-date in pediatric life support. In addition to this training, the Training Bureau does year-round advanced pediatric and adult airway training which includes both BLS and ALS airway management. Furthermore, FLFR has 2-3 new hire classes a year containing 12-20 new paramedics. We train all of our new hires on pediatrics in our rookie program as well as monthly pediatric testing over the period of six (6) months until they are "signed-off" paramedics in our system.

In order to keep our crews well trained, we need to keep our equipment in working order, clean and ready to use at all times as our medical training is continuous throughout the year. FLFR has requested grant funds to purchase a 5-year old resuscitation and emergency simulator along with a newborn resuscitation and emergency simulator. Both resuscitation and emergency simulators will have a touch screen tablet, wireless control, and modified defibrillation patch accessories for the 5-year old and a one day training service and installation for the simulators.

**Resource Impact**

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$14,282.00. Funds are being appropriated through companion agenda item, CAM #17- 0114

<i>Funds available as of April 17, 2017</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABL E BALANCE (Character )	AMOUNT
129- GPEDISIM17- D240	FY17GPEDISIM Pediatric Simulators	FL Dept. of Health thru Broward County	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,282.00
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►</b>					\$14,282.00

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129- GPEDISIM17- 6499	FY17GPEDISIM Pediatric Simulators	Capital Outlay/Other Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,282.00
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►</b>					\$14,282.00

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included within the **Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

**Goal 9:** Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.

**Objective 2:** Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical and emergency response.

**Goal 10:** Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.

**Objective 1:** Provide and effectively communicate comprehensive emergency management.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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