



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

#16-1227

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

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

DATE: November 1, 2016

TITLE: Motion to Approve Purchase of Emergency Medical Supplies - Broward
Sheriff's Office - \$425,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of emergency medical supplies from the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) in the amount of \$425,000.

Background

Fort Lauderdale is one of more than 20 municipalities purchasing medical supplies and equipment through the BSO's County Regional Logistics Division (Broward Logistics). This consolidated purchasing power offers cost savings in comparison to a smaller, independent purchasing process.

The total expenditure for these supplies in FY 2016 was \$405,000. However, staff recommends an increase in expenditure to \$425,000 due to the reasons listed below:

- The cost of several specific medications has increased significantly.
- Due to a national drug shortage, Broward Logistics has had to purchase alternative versions of commonly used drugs in the field at a higher cost than the versions previously used.
- Each piece of apparatus must maintain a minimum inventory per departmental protocols.
 - The addition of the peak hour rescue means we must stock that piece of apparatus with medical supplies thus reducing current inventories which need to be replenished.
 - In FY 16, the Fire Rescue Department replaced 11 new rescue units and kept some of the units designated for replacement to meet service demands. These additional rescues have been stocked for efficiency of changing from "front-line" to "reserve" status on a daily basis.
 - In FY 17, the City Commission approved the addition of an additional rescue unit to improve response times.
- The increase in large City events such as the Tortuga Festival, Air Show, and sponsored concert/beach activities throughout the City.

The Fire Rescue Department believes purchasing medical supplies and equipment through BSO's Regional Logistics Division is the department's best option and thereby requests City Commission to approve the expenditure for this purchase.

Pursuant to Section 2-189(c)(4), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, purchases from another governmental or educational entity may be made without using sealed competitive bids or proposals because, while competitive bids could be utilized, their use may not be in the best interest of the city or are impractical.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$425,000.

Funds available as of October 24, 2016					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-FIR030101-3922	Fire-Rescue Support	Services & Materials/ Medical Supplies	\$3,034,960	\$2,592,425	\$425,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$425,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders 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.
- Initiative 2: Remain on the leading edge of advance, pre-hospital medical interventions.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Medical Supplies by Fiscal Year

Exhibit 2 - BSO – Release and Waiver

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