

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 19-233, **Version:** 1

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of all necessary intergovernmental agreements between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Social Services including its HealthNet Division to permit the City to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Uncompensated Cost Reimbursement Program. (F&BC 10/14/19)

Issue/Request:

Adoption of an Ordinance authorizing execution of all necessary agreements with the Missouri Department of Social Services including its HealthNet Division to allow the City to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) program

Key Issues:

The GEMT program is sponsored by the State of Missouri, Department of Social Services, MO Healthnet Division (MHD). It is a fee for service program that is voluntary for governmental entities. If an entity participates, it can seek cost reimbursement by applying for federal funds to bring payment per transport up to or closer to full cost. Simply, it allows the City to recover more costs for services and mileage in transport of federally insured patients in the Medicare/Medicaid programs.

The fee for this service is based upon the amount of federal funds collected and true costs for service provision. The City would be required to pay MHD an administrative fee of 20% of all non-federal costs. The reimbursement would be received by the City as General Fund revenues and the fee expensed from the City's General Fund. If the City participates, a budget amendment will be necessary to pay the program fee.

A series of agreements are necessary each year and the Ordinance will authorize the Mayor to sign the original agreements and allow the City Manager to enter into agreements as required by MHD on behalf of the City going forward provided the requirements for the City remain substantively the same.

Proposed Committee Motion:

I move to recommend to City Council approval of An Ordinance authorizing the execution of all necessary intergovernmental agreements between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Social Services including its HealthNet Division to permit the city to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Uncompensated Cost Reimbursement Program.

Proposed City Council Motion:

FIRST MOTION: I move for a second reading of An Ordinance authorizing the execution of all necessary intergovernmental agreements between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Social Services including its HealthNet Division to permit the City to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Uncompensated Cost Reimbursement Program.

SECOND MOTION: I move for adoption of An Ordinance authorizing the execution of all necessary intergovernmental agreements between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Social Services including its HealthNet Division to permit the City to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Uncompensated Cost Reimbursement Program.

Background:

New revenue collected through this program is intended to be used to help fund the Mayor and City Council's 5 year fiscal plan. The Fire Department estimates that the City will receive approximately \$600k through this program following submission to MHD of the non-federal share of the payments of approximately \$215,000 and an administrative fee of up to 20% of the non-federal share of the payments (approximately \$43,000). The net revenue of the program is anticipated to be approximately \$342,000.

Dan Manley, Assistant Fire Chief

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of An Ordinance authorizing the execution of all necessary intergovernmental agreements between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Social Services including its HealthNet Division to permit the city to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Uncompensated Cost Reimbursement Program.

Committee Recommendation: