



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the Medical-Dental-Hospital Bureau of San Antonio, Inc., dba Business and Professional Service (B&P) contract.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the amendment to the current contract between the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) and Business Professional Service (B&P) due to changes made in annual reporting requirements to be eligible for State and Federal reimbursements. The total amount of the amendment is \$ 68,470.00, funding in the amount of \$50,470.00 is available from the FY 2022 General Fund budget and funding for subsequent fiscal years is subject to City Council approval as part of the annual budget process.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio collects approximately \$23.5 Million annually in EMS revenues for medical response services provided by the Fire Department. Medical-Dental-Hospital Bureau of San Antonio, Inc, d/b/a Business and Professional Service (B&P) has provided EMS billing and collection services for the City of San Antonio since FY 2005. The current contract with B&P was approved in 2019 (Ordinance No. 2019-03-21-02335) and expires on September 30, 2024.

Beginning in FY2011, the City of San Antonio started reporting uncompensated care costs to the Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC) for reimbursement through the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (ASPP). The City of San Antonio has collected \$7 to \$10 million in annual revenues through the uncompensated care cost program.

Beginning FY2020, HHSC restructured the reimbursement programs as well as annual reporting requirements to be eligible for future reimbursements through the new Average Commercial Rate (ACR) programs. To meet new program requirements, significant changes must be made in how B&P processes and tracks the medical billing for San Antonio Fire Department ambulance transports.

The additional cost associated with these changes is a one-time expense of \$42,370 in Year 1 plus a \$900.00 monthly rate for additional personnel cost in an amount not to exceed \$26,100.00 for the term of the contract.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the amendment to the current contract between the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) and Business Professional Service (B&P) in the amount of \$68,470.00 due to changes made in annual reporting requirements to be eligible for State and Federal reimbursements.

ALTERNATIVES:

The amendment to this contract is necessary to ensure the City of San Antonio continues to be eligible to participate in current and future HHSC reimbursement programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the current contract with Medical-Dental-Hospital Bureau of San Antonio, Inc., d/b/a Business & Professional Service (B&P) in the amount of \$68,470.00. Funding in the amount of \$50,470.00 is available from the FY 2022 General Fund budget. Funding for subsequent fiscal years is subject to City Council approval as part of the annual budget process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to contract with B&P to provide professional services to the City of San Antonio Fire and Finance Departments.