



CONFIRE

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 14, 2024

**FROM: Joe Barna
EMS Subcommittee Chair**

TO: EMS Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Implementation Fund

Background Information

On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors awarded CONFIRE EMS and Mobile Health the contract for ground ambulance services for eleven exclusive operating areas in the county, known as the comprehensive service area. CONFIRE EMS is scheduled to start ground ambulance transportation services on October 1, 2024.

Implementing our ambulance service entails initial investments in equipment procurement, staff recruitment, and training, among other essential aspects. CONFIRE staff recognizes the need to establish an implementation fund to facilitate the smooth launch of our ambulance services in collaboration with our partner, Priority Ambulance. Given Priority Ambulance's pivotal role as our partner, their strategic investment in the fund will allow us to pool our resources, leveraging contributions to ensure the timely and efficient collaborative support of system development.

Staff recommends CONFIRE utilize our legal counsel, Kingsley Bogard, to develop an agreement with Priority Ambulance to establish an implementation fund, which will provide supplemental funding for costs associated with implementing the ambulance services.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this recommendation is estimated to be \$200,000 in revenue for the EMS Fund (5020).

Recommendation

The EMS Subcommittee recommends that the Administrative Committee approve CONFIRE's legal counsel to develop an agreement with Priority Ambulance for an implementation fund.