



# Folsom City Council Staff Report



<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	12/9/2025
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	Consent Calendar
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 11514 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Certification Form for the Folsom Fire Department to Participate in a Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Program with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Reimbursement of PP-GEMT IGT Services for the Service Period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and Make Transfers Not to Exceed \$588,963 and Appropriation of Funds in the General Fund (Fund 010)
<b>FROM:</b>	Fire Department

**RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

The Folsom Fire Department recommends that the City Council pass and approve Resolution No. 11514 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Certification Form for the Folsom Fire Department to Participate in a Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Program with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Reimbursement of PP-GEMT IGT Services for the Service Period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and Make Transfers not to Exceed \$588,963 and Appropriation of Funds in the General Fund (Fund 010)

**BACKGROUND / ISSUE**

In accordance with California Assembly Bill 1705 (Chapter 544, Statutes of 2019), the Department of Health Care Services developed the Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Intergovernmental Transfer Program (PP-GEMT IGT) to provide reimbursements, by application of an add-on increase, to emergency medical transports provided by eligible public PP-GEMT IGT providers. This program started on January 1, 2023, and replaced the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program (GEMT), which ended on December 31, 2022. The City of Folsom has previously participated in the GEMT annually since 2009.

PP-GEMT IGT is a program to assist the City of Folsom in recovering costs associated with the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to individuals who are covered by Medi-Cal. PP-GEMT relies on Federal revenues potentially resulting in additional annual funding for the City of Folsom.

**POLICY / RULE**

Section 2.36.080, Award of Contracts of the Folsom Municipal Code states, in part, that contracts for supplies, equipment, services, and construction with an estimated value of \$75,049 or greater shall be awarded by City Council.

Provider Participation Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requires approval by the City Council.

**ANALYSIS**

Participation in the PP-GEMT IGT program is mandatory for public provider agencies and provides a critical opportunity for the City of Folsom to collect additional ambulance transport fees that would otherwise be unavailable. Mandatory participation requires the City of Folsom to collect and receive these additional ambulance transport fees for each Medi-Cal transport the Fire Department provides.

While the PP-GEMT IGT program is mandatory, cities, counties, and other public providers in the State may optionally transfer funds to the State to support the program. This optional transfer, also referred to as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), allows the PP-GEMT IGT program to secure Federal matching funds that are the basis for providing additional add-on revenues for each Medi-Cal patient transported. Without these matching funds from public providers, the State would not have adequate funds to receive the Federal match. While the IGT is optional, staff recommends the City of Folsom provide the IGT to ensure ongoing revenues associated with PP-GEMT IGT continue.

Yearly costs and benefits from the program to the City of Folsom are dependent on Medi-Cal transports the Fire Department provides. Participating in the PP-GEMT IGT program collected an estimated \$950,000 in the fiscal year 2024-25. The additional add-on revenue this program provides significantly increased revenue collected that would not have been available.

Fiscal Year	# of Medi-Cal Transports	Payments Collected	PP-GEMT IGT Participation Program Cost	Revenue Collected	Estimated Revenue Collected if no PP-GEMT IGT Participation
2023-24	1192	\$939,876.90	\$297,792	\$642,085	\$140,894
2024-25	2101	\$1,237,441.62	\$287,625	<b>\$949,816</b>	\$248,338

Using previous year Medi-Cal transport data, it is conservatively estimated that the City of Folsom’s 2026 IGT to the State will be \$535,421.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Staff recommends the Council authorize total transfers for calendar year 2026 not to exceed \$588,963 which includes a 10% contingency of \$53,542 in the event that fewer agencies participate, or the Fire Department transports additional Medi-Cal patients, both of which could lead to higher transfers than expected.

Staff is requesting an appropriation and revenue budget increase in the amount of \$588,963 in the fiscal year 2025-26 Fire Department operating budget in the General Fund (Fund 010) to participate in the PP-GEMT IGT program.

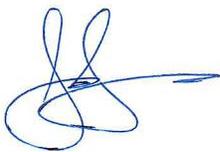
## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This report concerns administrative activities that do not constitute a “project” as defined by section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and is otherwise exempt pursuant to sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(2).

## **ATTACHMENT**

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Submitted,



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