



## Folsom City Council Staff Report

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	12/10/2024
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	Consent Calendar
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 11299– 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, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and Make Transfers Not to Exceed \$410,800 and Appropriation of Funds
<b>FROM:</b>	Fire Department

### **RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

The Folsom Fire Department recommends that the City Council pass and approve Resolution No. 11299 – 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, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and Make Transfers not to Exceed \$410,800 and Appropriation of Funds

### **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 \$73,209 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 an important 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.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Yearly costs and benefits from the program to the City of Folsom are dependent on Medi-Cal transports the Fire Department provides in a calendar year. Using previous year Medi-Cal transport data, it is conservatively estimated that the City of Folsom's 2025 IGT to the State will be \$373,455. Participating in the PP-GEMT IGT program preserves an estimated \$650,000 annually that would not be available should the City decide not to provide the IGT to DHCS. Revenue from the program is directly related to the number of Medi-Cal transports that the Fire Department provides each year.

The PP-GEMT IGT Certification Form, due January 1, 2025, will list an estimated initial transfer of \$93,363.75, due January 15, 2025, which is the first of four transfers during the 2025 calendar year totaling an estimated \$373,455. Staff recommends the Council authorize total transfers for calendar year 2025 not to exceed \$410,800 which includes a 10% contingency of \$37,345 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 \$410,800 in the fiscal year 2024-25 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).

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution No. 11299 – 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, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and Make Transfers not to Exceed \$410,800 and Appropriation of Funds

Submitted,

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Ken Cusano, Fire Chief

## **RESOLUTION NO. 11299**

### **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, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND MAKE TRANSFERS NOT TO EXCEED \$410,800 AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom, through its Fire Department, regularly provides emergency ambulance transport to persons who are Medi-Cal patients enrolled in managed care and fee-for-service plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom participates in various governmental programs that provide reimbursement of costs incurred in providing such emergency services to Medi-Cal patients; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 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; and

**WHEREAS**, by participating in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program, the City of Folsom will continue to receive reimbursements for a larger proportion of its actual costs for providing emergency ambulance transport to Medi-Cal patients enrolled in managed care and fee-for-service plans; and

**WHEREAS**, staff is requesting an appropriation and revenue budget increase in the amount of \$410,800 in the fiscal year 2024-25 Fire Department operating budget in the General Fund (Fund 010) to participate in the PP-GEMT IGT program; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Intergovernmental Transfer Program certification form, the funds shall be transferred in accordance with a mutually agreed-upon schedule between the City of Folsom and DHCS, and in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Department of Health Care Services regarding participation in the Medi-Cal Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer Program for the amount of \$373,455 with the budgeted amount to include a 10% contingency of \$37,345 for a total of \$410,800.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Director is authorized to increase the revenue budget and appropriate \$410,800 in the General Fund (Fund 010).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, by the following roll-call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmember(s):  
**NOES:** Councilmember(s):  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):  
**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember(s):

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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