

# **ITEM SUMMARY**

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

**FROM:** Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance

**SUBJECT:** Res No. 2023-42 Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT)

Supplemental Payment Program

# **BACKGROUND**

The City of Greenacres Fire Rescue transports over 3,500 patients annually to local hospital emergency rooms, which includes transports of Medicaid patients. In 2016, the State of Florida authorized the creation of a Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) program to provide supplemental payments to public emergency medical transportation providers for Medicaid fee-for-service patients transported to hospitals. The PEMT CPE program helps to close the gap between actual costs incurred and revenue received for each emergency medical transport.

# **ANALYSIS**

In 2019, Florida's Legislature authorized the expansion of the PEMT program to include Medicaid Managed Care patients. In order to leverage the approximate 60% Federal share, qualifying government owned ambulance providers are to provide the approximate 40% State share through intergovernmental transfers (ITGs). The revenue from this program is expected to be received through the various Medicaid Managed Care providers for their covered patients who are transported to a hospital. The Florida Medicaid Managed Care Supplemental Payment Program (MCO) will allow qualifying government-owned ambulance providers to receive supplemental payments for emergency transports of Medicaid Managed Care patients. In order to guarantee Federal share funding, ITGs from PEMT providers are required to cover the State's share of the MCO program. It is anticipated that based on the requested intergovernmental transfer of \$141,626.85, the City will receive \$195,259.10 net new Federal funding in return.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The proposed resolution required and ITG of \$141,626.85 which has been included in the City's FY 2024 budget.

### **LEGAL**

The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency and meets all legal requirements.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of Resolution 2023-42.