



MEETING DATE: May 13, 2024

PRESENTED BY: Adrian L. Garcia, Fire Chief

AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to Enter Interlocal Agreement Between the County of Hidalgo, Texas, and the City of Mission for the establishment of an Emergency Services Paramedic Program partially funded by Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Funds in the amount of \$83,460, and approval of respective budget amendment. – A. L. Garcia

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The Mission Fire Department is seeking to enter an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Hidalgo, Texas, and the City of Mission for the establishment of an Emergency Services Paramedic Program using Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Funds.

Hidalgo County ARPA Funds in the amount of \$83,460 will be allocated to the City of Mission to cover 50% of Paramedic training costs and will be made available to other municipalities within the County. The funding allocated will provide coverage of 50% of program costs for 26 participants in the Paramedic Program provided by Texas EMS School at a per-student cost of \$6,420 (or \$3,210 with County subsidy). The first round of Paramedic training will begin in May 2024 and will host 14 students, 6 with the City of Mission and 8 with other municipalities. The Interlocal Agreement will allow the City of Mission to acquire a 50% reduction in training costs and the City of Mission will be reimbursed for all other participating organization costs via Hidalgo County and reimbursements from participating organizations.

A budget amendment is needed to recognize incoming revenue from (1) the Interlocal for a Paramedic training course occurring on May 2024 for 14 participants in the amount of \$44,940 (50% of program cost for 14 participants) and (2) reimbursements from participating municipalities of \$25,680 (50% of program costs of 8 participants from other municipalities). The remaining \$38,520 ARPA Funds allocated from the Hidalgo County Interlocal for the remaining 12 participants will be used in the subsequent fiscal year thereby not included in this budget amendment. Additionally, the budget amendment does not include the 50% share for the City of Mission's 6 participants (\$19,260) given that it was budgeted in the current fiscal year. The City of Mission will not incur additional costs for other municipalities and will receive 50% off program costs for its participants.

BUGETED: Yes **FUND:** General Fund - Fire **ACCT. #:** See Budget Amendment

BUDGET: See Budget Amendment **EST. N/A** **CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE:** See Budget Amendment
COST:

BID AMOUNT: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

Departmental Approval: Finance, Purchasing

Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A

City Manager's Recommendation: Approval *MRP*

RECORD OF VOTE: **APPROVED:** _____
DISAPPROVED: _____
TABLED: _____

_____ AYES

_____ NAYS

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