



December 15, 2023

City of Nome
Attn: Glenn Steckman, City Manager
Sent Via Email: GSteckman@nomealaska.org

Dear Glenn,

Please accept this as NSHC's 60-day notice to terminate the existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department (NVAD) Services. As you know, NSHC has provided in-kind medical leadership for the program for many years. NSHC became aware of concerns from community members regarding untimely ambulance responses in the fall of 2019 and addressed those concerns with a letter to the council on October 7, 2019. Despite continued community member concerns and comments about untimely or lack of emergency response, the City of Nome has not made any changes other than to ask NSHC to provide more resources. This has been more than a four-year conversation between organizations and the discussions are not going anywhere.

In addition to providing a Medical Director for NVAD at no cost, NSHC provides all supplies, medications, and oxygen at no cost. These items are not charged against any grant that NSHC receives. We have provided a \$25/per run-volunteer appreciation stipend and donate \$10,000 annually to contribute to your vehicle maintenance. In 2007 and 2012, NSHC contributed matching funds to help the City of Nome purchase new ambulances. These were out-of-pocket contributions by NSHC. These matches were made to support a grant that NSHC authored and reported out on to secure CODE Blue and USDA funding to fund remaining portions of these City-of-Nome acquired ambulances.

In summary, NSHC provided the following for NVAD Operations from FY21-FY23:

- \$101,003- Cash payments/donations made (appreciation fees paid, annual maintenance contribution, and tribal member ambulance bills paid)
- \$77,299- In-kind donations of medical supplies and medications (no including Medical Director fees or oxygen)
- **Total FY21-FY23: \$178,302 (average of \$89,151/year, not including in-kind Medical Director Fees or oxygen supply)**

Additionally, NSHC donated \$40,000 to match the \$114,254 from USDA so the City of Nome could purchase your 2007 ambulance and donated \$67,928.50 to match \$45,000 from Code Blue funding so the City of Nome could purchase your 2012 ambulance.

As noted above, NSHC has demonstrated its commitment to partner with you to deliver a quality community ambulance program. Unfortunately, this situation has not improved and the concerns brought forward have been dismissed as not valid. The first step is to recognize there is a problem and that changes need to be made. NSHC respectfully withdraws from this partnership.

NSHC will send a communication to our tribes to explain the reason behind its decision to terminate the MOA and to explain how to use NSHC's purchased and referred care program to assist with ambulance bills that come from the City of Nome. Additionally, NSHC will staff up a team of emergency responders to meet the needs of the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angie Gorn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angie Gorn, CEO

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FY2024 Proposed Budget	Amendment / F25 Proposed Budget	General Fund	F21 Actuals	F22 Actuals	F23 Actuals	F24 YTD Actuals @ 12.31.23	O-23-06-01 F24 Approved Budget	Budget Adjustment	F24 Proposed Amended Budget	F25 Proposed Budget	Budget Notes
Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department											
Revenue:											
11.3342.0005	Ambulance Fees		412,293.43	248,537.94	342,219.17	181,312.45	360,000.00	(20,000.00)	340,000.00	510,000.00	F24: \$237,000 Amb Fees, \$103,000 F22 SEMT / F25: \$375,000 Amb Fees, \$135,000 F23 SEMT Estimated
11.3342.0006	Ambulance Fee Adjustments		(173,580.33)	(141,468.29)	(104,018.46)	(31,046.47)	(125,000.00)	25,000.00	(100,000.00)	(150,000.00)	
11.3365.0014	Donations - EMS		30,811.00	30,500.00	16,736.00	1,450.00	30,000.00	(25,000.00)	5,000.00		
Revenue Subtotal:			269,524.10	137,569.65	254,936.71	151,715.98	265,000.00	(20,000.00)	245,000.00	360,000.00	
Expense:											
11.6325.1101	Salaries - Ambulance		52,522.16	101,959.46	110,200.20	63,695.98	135,931.17	120,787.25	256,718.42	424,038.00	2 ESTs, 1 ESA PT, 1 FT EST Summer Temp; 1 FT Paramedic 30 Hours Per Week Start Date 09.18.23, Add 3 FT EST II Start Date 02.01.24
11.6325.1201	Salaries - Overtime		4,255.16	8,737.80	18,897.37	13,543.65	2,500.00	20,000.00	22,500.00	15,000.00	
11.6325.1301	Ambulance Chief Stipend		4,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	
11.6325.1411	Accrued Personal Leave - Amb		6,458.48	-	-	-	1,458.59		1,458.59	3,766.10	
11.6325.1421	Health Insurance - Amb		948.57	13,869.38	20,306.87	10,120.44	22,082.39	50,521.05	72,603.44	126,765.59	
11.6325.1431	Life Insurance - Amb		35.55	186.66	228.21	129.25	224.25	284.50	508.75	759.00	
11.6325.1441	FICA/Medicare - Amb		5,211.89	8,927.36	10,342.72	6,138.32	11,048.98	12,529.77	21,819.21	34,045.41	
11.6325.1461	PERS - Amb		9,539.76	30,382.61	31,442.22	14,127.93	27,313.92	32,501.01	59,814.93	93,439.06	
11.6325.1471	Workers' Comp Insurance - Amb		2,119.48	295.95	472.84	418.85	418.85	408.28	827.13	1,290.60	
Subtotal Salaries & Benefits:			85,091.05	170,359.22	197,890.43	111,174.42	206,978.15	237,031.86	444,010.01	705,103.76	
11.6325.1520	Vehicle/Boat Insurance		8,005.00	7,434.00	7,225.00	4,518.00	4,518.00		4,518.00	4,969.80	
11.6325.1530	Property/Building Insurance		3,661.20	4,699.89	5,683.50	7,432.56	7,432.56		7,432.56	8,175.82	
11.6325.1830	Legal Services		-	-	-	-	300.00		300.00	300.00	
11.6325.1870	Other Professional/Contract Sv		16,903.48	11,642.67	12,927.26	9,756.85	30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	Systems Design West \$ 20k, Trainers to Nome \$10k
11.6325.1910	Volunteer Incentives		43,767.50	21,015.00	17,445.00	8,350.00	40,000.00	(15,000.00)	25,000.00	25,000.00	Volunteer Electricity Credits - Applied through NJUS Oct-Mar \$9000 / NVAD \$30 (500 Runs = \$15,000)
11.6325.1940	Advertising		-	-	1,156.00	107.10	1,000.00	250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	
11.6325.2010	Communications		1,927.03	1,981.05	5,344.70	583.45	2,050.00		2,050.00	2,050.00	Fastwyre \$1100, NJUS Phone/Net \$600, AT&T Cell Svcs \$450
11.6325.2012	Computer Network/Hardware/Soft		608.24	8,939.38	3,886.68	2,763.47	2,700.00	1,300.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	Smartnet Renew \$124, Image Trend \$451, MSDS Online \$90, Radio Lcns Renewal \$1167, IAMResponding Software \$860
11.6325.2030	Travel, Training & Related Cost		3,741.50	2,379.96	12,693.25	4,457.09	10,000.00		10,000.00	15,000.00	Travel to EMS Symposium ANC, FAI
11.6325.2040	Uniform/Clothing		63.72	-	2,104.23	-	500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
11.6325.2070	Office Supplies		155.62	56.90	18.47	-	250.00		250.00	250.00	
11.6325.2071	Operating Supplies		1,201.30	1,676.92	2,149.60	1,302.44	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
11.6325.2072	Medical Supplies		-	-	-	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	
11.6325.3040	Emergency Preparedness		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11.6325.4010	Gas & Oil Supplies		3,368.02	3,170.91	4,813.95	1,402.41	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
11.6325.4020	Vehicle/Boat/Eq Parts & Supply		3,814.90	1,126.05	2,934.06	2,880.45	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
11.6325.4030	Vehicle/Boat/Eq Maintenance		5,180.50	3,862.50	-	-	8,000.00	(5,000.00)	3,000.00	3,000.00	
11.6325.4040	Vehicle/Boat Regis & Permits		20.00	40.00	20.00	398.00	50.00	400.00	450.00	50.00	
11.6325.4050	Small Tools & Equipment		1,723.80	2,872.07	3,395.93	7,331.45	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
11.6325.4060	Tools & Eq Repair & Maint		102.64	453.01	-	-	7,500.00	(3,500.00)	4,000.00	4,000.00	
11.6325.7005	Building Maint Contracts		328.38	232.20	1,960.34	1,158.84	1,000.00	350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	Trane \$1100, Yukon Fire \$250
11.6325.7010	Bldg Maint Materials & Supply		1,549.13	5,422.90	3,451.81	3,751.33	4,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00	Bifold Bay Doors 1 thru 6
11.6325.7011	Janitorial Services & Supplies		237.67	-	-	-	250.00		250.00	250.00	
11.6325.7021	Utilities - Electric 27%		15,165.98	15,270.82	16,773.34	5,214.67	16,500.00	(2,500.00)	14,000.00	14,000.00	
11.6325.7022	Utilities - Water 27%		909.87	900.92	897.39	373.86	900.00		900.00	900.00	
11.6325.7023	Utilities - Sewer 27%		163.35	-	-	-	200.00		200.00	200.00	
11.6325.7024	Utilities - Garbage 27%		811.82	806.30	845.21	347.87	850.00		850.00	850.00	
11.6325.7025	Utilities - Heat 27%		8,007.30	9,984.53	18,471.55	3,359.11	14,316.48	865.00	15,181.48	15,181.48	12,250 gal
11.6325.7550	Bad Debt		38,640.48	18,695.05	2,122.50	2,100.50	20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	
11.6325.8030	Machinery & Equipment		1,174.90	1,125.10	-	-	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	Placeholder
Total NVAD:			246,324.38	294,147.35	324,210.20	178,763.87	403,795.19	239,196.86	642,992.05	922,880.86	
Revenue Surplus / (Revenue Deficit):			23,199.72	(156,577.70)	(69,273.49)	(27,047.89)	(138,795.19)	(259,196.86)	(397,992.05)	(562,880.86)	*F25 Estimated SEMT Reimb \$375,000 based on 80% Medicaid Rate / 2 Year Lag on Reimbursement