



## **CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT**

### **MEETING DATE: January 21, 2025**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Pete Carr, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Westside Ambulance Subsidy Agreement (Action)**

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

Following the recommendation of a city-county ad hoc committee, the City of Orland in November 2023 entered an agreement with County of Glenn to share the cost of a second ambulance, a 12-hr vehicle staged in Orland primarily serving north county, at an estimated cost to the City of up to \$15,000 for one-time start-up and \$325,000 annual operations. This vehicle is now staffed and operational.

August 6, 2024, the City agreed to share the cost of rent, facility improvements and utilities as part of the 12-hr vehicle operation.

September 17, 2024, Westside Board President Scott Studybaker shared with the Council his board's concerns about ongoing cost vs reimbursement issues for operation of the base 24-hr vehicle. He referenced his memo sent to the Council in July, but was not making a specific formal funding request at that time. Council expressed support generally, cited the potential for Measure J to assist if it passes, and suggested re-forming the countywide ambulance ad hoc committee.

On January 7, 2025, the City Council discussed an updated presentation by Westside of the financial condition of the operation, and indicated by 5-0 vote its intent to subsidize the operation at \$17,000 per month for at least one year, with hope that the County would do likewise.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

Staff has drafted an agreement with Westside to clarify and formalize the Council's commitment to support Westside. It provides for 12 payments of \$17k ea, invoiced directly, and Westside updating its financial condition report to the City quarterly. Termination is an option with 90 days' notice.

With the passage of Measure J specifically including this purpose, the payments can and should come from the Measure J Ambulance/Streets/Library/Parks Fund.

**Attachment:** Draft proposed agreement with Westside Ambulance for Operational Subsidy

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve agreement as presented, direct City Manager to execute it, pending approval from the Westside Ambulance Board of Directors. All payments from Measure J Fund.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:** \$102k this fiscal year, same for first half of FY25-26.