

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

DATE: May 23, 2016

COAC #: 16-5840

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

SUBJECT: Mobile Integrated Health Care -Community Paramedicine Program Intergovernmental Agreement	STAFF PRESENTER: Paul Luizzi, Fire Chief
	CASE NUMBER: N/A
	OTHER PRESENTER: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Fire Chief will update the Council on the successful grant for a Mobile Integrated Health Program - Community Paramedicine (MIHP-CP).
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and any other necessary documentation, including budget transfers and authority, to carry out the intent of the IGA, with the cities of Goodyear, Avondale, Peoria and Surprise, and the Sun City Fire and Medical Department, for a Mobile Integrated Health Program - Community Paramedicine (MIHP-CP).

PURPOSE:

Approval of this IGA will allow the city to provide an evolving model of community-based health care in which emergency responders facilitate a more appropriate use of emergency care resources and/or enhance access to primary care for medically underserved populations. A MIHP-CP Program provides health services to the elderly, underserved, citizens that frequently use the 911 system for non-emergency care, and chronic condition-patient populations under Fire Service Based medical direction, while acting as the patient's advocate to better connect them to a variety of health services outside the hospital emergency department. This program has shown that it helps free up vital emergency room beds, which in turn helps our emergency medical services operate much more efficiently.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

During a work session in December 14, 2015, the Fire Chief outlined and reviewed with Council this innovative opportunity which provides the link between the hospital partners and our Fire Service-Based EMS system. The fire department is uniquely positioned to provide trained medical personnel, and has a previously established community infra-structure which already serves the community. Furthermore the MIHP-CP program allows both entities to focus on the broader healthcare issue, directly improves the medical and public health system and allows the emergency vehicles to deal directly with emergent calls.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

This regional grant opportunity will allow the city and 4 other partnering communities to pilot a community paramedicine program. Staff supports the pilot project with the goals of reducing the burden on the 911 system, create more fiscal responsibility with tax payer dollars, decrease unnecessary emergency room visits, opportunities for regional collaboration to maximize resources and create a public/private partnership. On April 6, 2016 the department was notified that they had received the regional grant for \$125,000. The fire department, legal department and partnering agencies have constructed the IGA for Council. We anticipate the grant will fund by July 1, 2016.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The grant is supplied by Vitalyst Health Foundation, formerly St. Luke's Health Initiative, and requires no match by the city. The grant will fund the development of training program, provider training and the actual process of meeting with patients in the different cities. Salary costs and other associated equipment costs will be covered under the grant for all of the participating cities.

ATTACHMENTS:

Intergovernmental Agreement