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Roll Call No. <u>10-1226</u> Communication No. <u>10-455</u>

Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Chief

of the Fire Department

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing execution of an Iowa Emergency Cardiac Care Grant Memorandum of Understanding with CHI-Iowa-Corp (Catholic Health Initiatives, Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines) and Des Moines Fire Department Emergency Medical Service (DMFD EMS).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval and authorize execution of Iowa Emergency Cardiac Care Grant Memorandum of Understanding between CHI-Iowa Corp (Catholic Health Initiatives, Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines) and the Des Moines Fire Department. Through the Grant, Mercy-Des Moines will provide Des Moines Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (DMFD EMS) with twelve (12) Lifenet modems and a five (5) year transmission subscription. At the end of the grant period, ownership of the equipment is transferred to the Des Moines Fire Department EMS Section.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,652

Funding Source: Fund GE001 FIR041000, FY2011-12 Recommended Operating Budget, page 128.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mercy-Des Moines has received a grant (# C76HF16086) from the United States Human Resources and Services Administration, through the Health Care and Other Facilities Grant Program. This Grant will be used for purchasing equipment that will better link Des Moines Fire Department EMS units transporting acute myocardial infarction patients with hospitals able to perform percutaneous coronary intervention. These patients are commonly referred to as having a "heart attack" or other specific cardiac maladies and require the use of assessments and treatments using cardiac monitors and other specialized equipment. The acquisition of this equipment will allow Des Moines Fire Department EMS providers to transmit 12-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) data from the field to a hospital emergency department. Through the grant project, the Des Moines Fire Department and receiving medical facilities will work to improve the speed at which heart attack patients are diagnosed and treated in the City of Des Moines. During the grant project period, CHI-Mercy Medical Center and Iowa Health System facilities can receive this data via the modems.

The grant project period is October 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. The equipment will be available to the DMFD EMS Service through the term of the grant. At the end of the grant period, ownership of the

equipment is transferred to the Des Moines Fire Department EMS Section. Upon transfer of the ownership of the equipment, the DMFD EMS is responsible for records maintenance, the cost of cell modems, cellular transmit lines, and future equipment replacement costs. Transfer of the ownership of the equipment may not occur until after the close of the grant period.

To date, Mercy Medical Center (Mercy-Des Moines), via Velocitor Solutions and Human Resources and Services Administration Grant #C76HF16086, has purchased:

12 Lifenet Modems (\$487 per unit) \$5,844 5-year transmission subscription (\$339 per unit) \$4,068 \$9,912

Upon transfer of ownership of the equipment to DMFD EMS, ongoing fixed cost to DMFD EMS:

12 Cellular transmit lines (\$11.47 per month/per line) \$1,652 Replacement of modems, as needed

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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