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County Administrator

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Re: Request for Placement of Item on Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting, February 3, 2015
Consent Calendar Agenda, Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Approval, CTN-12-0048
Justification for Northwest Fire District, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program

Background

Pima County Health Department, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program owns 5 trailers for the rapid deployment of emergency supplies and medical countermeasures for public health emergencies. These trailers are strategically placed throughout Pima County to assure delivery and service throughout the county in the event of an emergency. Northwest Fire District is a partner in this endeavor and houses one trailer at their location that can be deployed, by Pima County Health Department and/or Northwest Fire District staff, should the need arise in that area of service.

This amendment extends this collaboration for another year. Northwest approved the amendment on 16 December 2014 and County recently received back for final approval. We therefore seek retroactive approval for this agreement to November 04, 2014.

Discussion

Rapid delivery of medical countermeasures is a critical element of the public health response to an emergency. Prepositioning resources such as this trailer allows a prompt and seamless delivery of services to the affected communities. The Health Department's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program is responsible for planning and training with Northwest Fire District staff to initiate an emergency or deployment. New plans for trailer deployment and medical countermeasure distribution are scheduled for exercise in March 2015.

Financial Impact

Costs associated with trailer maintenance and supplies are part of the existing budget and covered by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Contract funded by the Arizona Department of Health Services. There are no costs to the General Fund.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the IGA.

☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved


C. H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

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