
CITY OF OCALA

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Council Meeting Date: 08/17/21

Subject: Community Foundation for Community Paramedicine

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Department: Fire & Emergency Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready): Approve Agenda Item (ID # 15999) grant agreement with the Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County to provide a community paramedic program in the amount of \$97,488

OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS: Fiscally Sustainable, Operational Excellence, Quality of Place

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

AdventHealth Ocala, in partnership with the City of Ocala, by and through its Ocala Fire Rescue, will be providing a community paramedicine program. This program will help physicians monitor the health of vulnerable patients to produce better outcomes and reduce the number of ambulance transports, visits to the emergency department, and hospital readmissions.

Key Program Aspects:

- Ocala Fire Rescue (OFR) will staff one community paramedic, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm for the post-discharge re-admission program.
- OFR will provide post-discharge care by having the community paramedic visit the patients at home after discharge to monitor the patient's condition, answer health questions, and provide coaching on home care and healthcare equipment use and maintenance, and ensure patients have access to medications prescribed to them.
- There will be a maximum of twenty (20) patients at any given time in the program.
- Each patient that participates in the Program will remain in the Program for at least thirty (30) days which may be extended up to ninety (90) days as needed.
- OFR will provide medical oversight for the Program through its Medical Director as it relates to the community paramedic.
- The term of the Program will begin September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, and may be renewed by mutual written consent.

The Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County will provide a grant to the City to fund approximately 80% of the cost of the community paramedicine program.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

The City of Ocala, through Ocala Fire Rescue and the Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County, agree it would be beneficial to the residents for a community paramedicine program to be in place. The Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County will reimburse the City for approximately 80% of its cost through this grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County will reimburse the City of Ocala, Fire Rescue \$97,488 in monthly installments for expenses not to exceed \$8,117 per month. Funds will be applied to account 001-369-000-000-16-36929. A corresponding budget resolution is provided in the consent portion of this agenda. Staff estimates the program will cost \$125,390 total. The Community Foundation will fund \$97,488. The remainder (\$27,902) will be absorbed within the Fire/Rescue budget.

PROCUREMENT REVIEW:

This agreement has been reviewed and approved for compliance with the City's procurement policies.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The contract will be reviewed and approved for form and legality by the City Attorney, Robert W. Batsel Jr.

ALTERNATIVE:

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SUPPORT MATERIALS:

2021 Community Foundation Paramedicine Grant Agreement REVISED 7-26-21 (PDF)