



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 15, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Dave Brannigan, Fire Chief, Fire Department

Subject: Contract: Stryker for Purchase of Three Gurneys for the Fire Department Ambulances

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a sole source contract and any amendments with Stryker to finance the purchase of three additional gurneys and equip all seven ambulances with the powered cot fastener system (power load system) for Fire Department ambulances which will allow transport of the sick and injured, increasing the amount by \$39,714 for a total not to exceed amount of \$74,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

On June 25, 2019, the Council allocated \$34,286 in FY 2020 & FY 2021 to replace four gurneys as part of the FY 2020 & FY 2021 Biennial Budget Adoption. The Fire Department needs to replace a total of seven gurneys, leaving a need to purchase an additional three gurneys in FY 2020 and pay for them on a recurring basis. An additional recurring amount of \$39,714 is needed to fund the three additional gurneys and the powered cot fastener system for all seven ambulances which improves employee safety. The funds will be appropriated as part of the First Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance in November 2019.

The annual cost of financing all seven gurneys will be \$74,000. This amount will be included in future budgets and will be subject to Council approval of the annual budget and the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

There were funds approved to finance the replacement of four gurneys in the FY2020 and FY2021 budgets. There are a total of seven gurneys that are in need of replacement. The Fire Department requires additional funds to replace all of the gurneys.

BACKGROUND

The Department's fleet of gurneys is reaching the end of their service life. In the past, the City has entered into gurney lease or finance agreements with Stryker.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The replacement of gurneys is a normal operating cost associated with providing transport of sick and injured patients. The City needs to replace all seven gurneys at this time and equip them with the powered cot fastener system. All transport ambulances in Alameda County, with the exception of Berkeley, are equipped with the power load system. This purchase includes the powered cot fastener system which helps improve employee safety by supporting the cot throughout patient loading and unloading. The reduction in spinal load helps prevent cumulative trauma injuries which reveal themselves often in the later stages of a firefighter's career. Specific benefits of the power load system are; it eliminates the need to steer the cot into and out of the ambulance, it helps minimize patient drops by supporting the cot until the wheels are on the ground, and it meets dynamic crash test standards for maximized occupant safety during transport.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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CONTRACT: STRYKER FOR PURCHASE OF THREE GURNEYS FOR FIRE  
DEPARTMENT AMBULANCES

WHEREAS, the current fleet of gurneys are at the end of their life span; and

WHEREAS, replacement of gurneys is a normal operating cost associated with providing transport of sick and injured patients.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a sole source contract and any amendments to finance the purchase of three additional gurneys and the powered cot fastener system for all seven ambulances from Stryker in the amount of \$39,714 for a total not to exceed amount of \$74,000 for Fire Department ambulances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds will be appropriated as part of the First Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance November 2019.

