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Boulder City Fire Department Receives Grant, Reimbursement

BOULDER CITY – The City of Boulder City Fire Department (BCFD) is getting almost \$900,000 in reimbursements and grants in the coming months. The State is reimbursing approximately \$750,000 from the State’s Medicaid plan for Medicaid patients who received emergency medical ground transport services during fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018. The BCFD is also getting a \$120,000 grant to install safety equipment in fire rescue units for safer loading and transport of patients.

The City previously did not receive the full cost for emergency transport of patients using Medicaid; money from the general fund was used to cover these costs. Emergency transportation (ground ambulance services) costs are now reimbursable as outlined in the Public Agency State-approved Cost Allocation Plan. The funding will be placed in the general fund of 2019-2020 revenues.

The City also applied for a grant to offset costs associated with the replacement of specialized cots used for transport of patients in Fire Rescue Units. The Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool Public Agency Compensation Trust (POOL/PACT) awarded the City a grant in the amount of \$120,607.50 for this project.

The Fire Department’s EMS Coordinator applied for this Risk Management Grant from POOL/PACT to replace our existing mechanical cots. “Our existing mechanical cots are getting close to the end of life and potentially could lead to injury to a patient or firefighter if the cot is malfunctioning,” Chief Kevin Nicholson said. “These cots will be safer for the patients as well as for the paramedics loading patients into our rescue units.”

The total project cost for the replacement of four mechanical cots is \$159,016. This price includes the purchase of the equipment and installation into our fire rescue units. The POOL/PACT grant award is for \$120,607.50 (or 75-percent) of the cost of the project. The balance of the project costs (\$38,408.50) will be allocated from the City’s unassigned fund balance.

“This is especially good news as these fulfill several strategies in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan,” said Al Noyola, City Manager. “Strategies related to achieving prudent financial stewardship, investing in infrastructure and sustaining a high level of public safety services are addressed. I greatly appreciate the Fire Department’s dedication to accomplishing these Strategic Plan goals.”

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