



## Legislation Text

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Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Preparedness & Response, a Division of the Chief Administrative Office, recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 8722 with Barton Healthcare System for the disbursement of Richie's Funds, to improve access to pediatric trauma and emergency services, from the County's EMS Fund for a three-year period, effective upon execution, with a maximum amount of \$11,000 Fiscal Year 2023-24 and the provision that funding under the Agreement, in future years, will not exceed funding available for distribution in the Richie's Fund; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute any necessary amendments relating to Agreement 8722, which do not affect amount of funds to be distributed or the term of the Agreement, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

**FUNDING:** EMS Fund.

### **DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND**

The Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund is a special revenue fund that was established pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) § 1797.98a. The EMS Fund receives court penalty assessments which are used to reimburse physicians and surgeons the cost of uncompensated emergency care and to provide for other EMS expenses. The EMS Fund includes a sub-fund, the Richie's Fund, which is dedicated to funding pediatric trauma centers, or in counties without a pediatric trauma center, improving access to pediatric trauma and emergency services. On December 15, 2020, the Board approved the transfer of responsibility of the EMS Fund from the Health and Human Services Agency to the Chief Administrative Office, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness and Response Division (Legistar #20-1510).

The proposed Agreement 8722 with Barton Healthcare System will allow for the disbursement of Richie's Funds from the County's EMS Fund for a three-year period, effective upon execution, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Approval of Agreement 8722 with Barton Healthcare System provides the mechanism to distribute available "Richie Funds" in accordance with HSC Section 1797.98a, Resolution 192-2007.

### **PRIOR BOARD ACTION**

N/A

### **OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

N/A

### **CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS**

Approve as recommended.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item has no significant financial impact. The Richie's Funds disbursed by this Agreement are designated to be used to improve access to, and coordination of, pediatric trauma and emergency services in the County. The total distributed to Barton Healthcare System for FY 2023-2024 shall not exceed \$11,000.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

Obtain the Board Chair's signature on one (1) copy of Agreement 8722 and forward to CAO Fiscal, attention Kelley Lawrie.

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT**

Safe and Healthy Communities

**CONTACT**

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