

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	19-35		
Date action introduced:	June 11, 2019	Introduced by:	Acting City Manager Howell
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Confirmed by:	KM		

Action Title: Direct Administration to cut a check to the Alaska Fire Chief's Association for \$10,000 as reimbursement for their work with AP Triton in negotiating an agreement with the State of Alaska Medicaid Office to implement the Ground Emergency Medical Transports (GEMT) program statewide.

Attachment(s): None.

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
Administration / William F. Howell, III	WH	
Fire / Daron Solesby	DS	
Finance / Christine Blake	CB	
Amount of fiscal impact:	Account information:	
	No fiscal impact at this time.	
\$10,000	Requires funding in FY 2019 Budget.	10-60-647
	Requires funding in FY 2020 Budget.	

Summary Statement

The Alaska Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) is an Alaskan non-profit corporation funded through membership due, conference fees, charitable contributions, and other fundraising activities. The Alaska Fire Chiefs Association took on the challenge of hiring a company (AP Triton) to work with the Alaska Medicaid Office to secure the right of all Alaska fire departments to seek reimbursement for Ground Emergency Medical Transports of Medicaid-eligible recipients. The Alaska GEMT program will allow Alaska's municipal ambulance services to receive reimbursement for uncompensated costs associated with treating and transporting Medicaid recipients.

Directed by the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association, AP Triton performed GEMT negotiation and implementation services and billed the AFCA \$125,000. The Anchorage Fire Department contributed \$93,000 to AFCA to help cover this cost, leaving a balance of \$31,250. The City of Bethel's contribution of \$10,000 will further reduce the debt burden of AFCA. The City's contribution is not reimbursable.

Once negotiations, policies, and procedures pertaining to GEMT reimbursements are finalized, the City stands to increase its ambulance service revenue by \$100,000 to \$200,000 per year.