

**City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form**

**2022-0717**

**Legistar File ID**

**9/6/2022**

**City Council Meeting Date - Agenda Item Only**

N/A for Non-Agenda Item

Brad Hardin

8/8/2022

FIRE (300)

**Submitted By**

**Submitted Date**

**Division / Department**

**Action Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approving a resolution requesting the Mayor's Signature on The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Addendum to provide additional funding in 2022 to the Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority (WCRAA) in the amount of \$357,454 for emergency and non-emergency ambulance services and approval of a Budget Adjustment.

**Budget Impact:**

1010.090.6600-5705.00	General
Account Number	Fund
40901.4009	Transfer to CEMS
Project Number	Project Title
<b>Budgeted Item?</b> <u>Yes</u>	Current Budget
	\$ 554,726.00
	Funds Obligated
	\$ 554,726.00
	Current Balance
	\$ -
<b>Does item have a cost?</b> <u>Yes</u>	Item Cost
	\$ 357,454.00
<b>Budget Adjustment Attached?</b> <u>Yes</u>	Budget Adjustment
	\$ 357,454.00
	Remaining Budget
	\$ -

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**Purchase Order Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Ordinance or Resolution #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Change Order Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Contract Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**



**MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Brad Hardin, Fire Chief  
**DATE:** August 8, 2022

**SUBJECT:** A resolution approving and requesting the Mayor's Signature on The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Addendum to provide additional funding to the Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority (WCRAA) and approval of a budget adjustment.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a resolution approving and requesting the Mayor's Signature on The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Addendum to provide additional funding in 2022 to the Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority (WCRAA) in the amount of \$357,454 for emergency and non-emergency ambulance services and approval of a budget adjustment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Fayetteville entered into an Agreement for Continuation of Ambulance Services Through the Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority ("Agreement"), filed with the Washington County Clerk on February 2, 2021 to allow the WCRAA to continue ambulance services throughout the unincorporated areas of the County and the named municipalities in Washington County, Arkansas; and, WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held August 3, 2022, the members voted to provide funding in addition to the amount agreed upon in the aforementioned Agreement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

Ambulances services across the United States are struggling. Collection rates are down. The amount paid by Medicare and Insurance companies continue to decline. The federal government recognizes the problem and is working on a program to aid the ambulance services. The estimated supplement for WCRAA is close to \$1 million dollars. Unfortunately, they predict the first payment will not occur until July 2023, originally predicted for July 2022. Aside from the decline WCRAA has seen unprecedented price increases in supplies, equipment, gear, and ambulances. Their monthly fuel bill has increased from \$19k to \$43k. Lastly and most costly, they like everyone else are struggling with recruitment and retention. This requires far more overtime than would normally be required. For these reasons WCRAA is facing a \$1,043,178 dollar deficit this year. The City of Fayetteville's share of the deficit is \$357,454.

**DISCUSSION:**

The current Interlocal Agreement was approved on January 19, 2021 by City Council via Res. 32-21.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

The additional cost for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Addendum funding request will be \$357,454.

**Attachments:**

Budget Adjustment and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Addendum Documents

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT ADDENDUM**

This agreement is entered into upon the date of execution by the various parties, as set forth below, by and between the Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority (“WCRAA”) and Washington County, Arkansas (“the County”) and the cities of Elkins, Elm Springs, Farmington, Fayetteville, Goshen, Greenland, Johnson, Lincoln, Prairie Grove, Tontitown, West Fork, and Winslow, collectively referred to as “the Parties”.

**WHEREAS**, the Parties entered into an *Agreement for Continuation of Ambulance Services Through the Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority* (“Agreement”), filed with the Washington County Clerk on February 2, 2021 to allow the WCRAA to continue ambulance services throughout the unincorporated areas of the County and the named municipalities in Washington County, Arkansas; and,

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held August 3, 2022, the members voted to provide funding in addition to the amount agreed upon in the aforementioned Agreement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL AGREEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Each member of the WCRAA shall provide additional funding in the following amounts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, upon approval of the appropriate legislative bodies:

Elkins .....	\$ 12,114
Elm Springs .....	10,068
Farmington .....	28,655
Fayetteville.....	357,454
Goshen .....	6,952
Greenland .....	6,015
Johnson .....	15,867
Lincoln .....	10,333
Prairie Grove.....	24,525
Tontitown .....	13,707
West Fork.....	10,598
Winslow .....	1,750
Washington County .....	545,140

2. Upon approval of the funding request by the appropriate legislative bodies, the respective parties shall sign this addendum and remit payment to the WCRAA.
3. All other provisions of the original agreement shall remain in effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have hereunto affixed their names by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates set forth, below.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**Washington County, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Joseph K. Wood, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Becky Lewallen, County Clerk**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Elkins, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bruce Ledford, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Delia Foster, City Clerk**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Elm Springs, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Harold Douthit, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Twila Taylor, City Clerk**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Farmington, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ernie Penn, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kelly Penn, City Clerk**



Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Fayetteville, Arkansas**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lioneld Jordan, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kara Paxton, City Clerk**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Goshen, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Max Poye, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Michael Thompson, City Recorder/Treasurer**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Greenland, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bill Groom, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Misty McCard, City Recorder/Treasurer**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Johnson, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chris Keeney, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jennifer Allen, City Clerk**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Lincoln, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Doug Hutchens, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Becky Carter, City Clerk**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Prairie Grove, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sonny Hudson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Christine Kelly, City Clerk**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Tontitown, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Angela Russell, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Rhonda Ardemagni, Deputy Recorder**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of West Fork, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Heith Caudle, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ann Upton, City Clerk**



Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**City of Winslow, Arkansas**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Randy Jarnagan, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ann Malkie, City Recorder/Treasurer**