



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Attestation to accept Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding, and comply with outlined terms and conditions associated with the United States of America Department of Health and Human Services' Phase 4 General Distribution of \$25.5B in relief funds to healthcare system providers.

Recommended Action:

Approval for the Director of Safety & Emergency Services (SES) to electronically submit the attestation to accept \$198,570.00 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding.

- On September 29, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services announced \$25.5 billion in additional funding.
- The application was submitted on-line on October 25, 2021.
- SES received a distribution on January 26, 2022, in the amount of \$198,570.00 from the Phase 4 funding distribution.
- All providers who attest to receipt of a payment and acceptance of the Terms & Conditions or who retain payments for more than 90 days are deemed to have accepted the Terms & Conditions.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be Responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of County services and support

Summary:

On September 29, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced \$25.5 billion in additional funding. Pinellas County Safety & Emergency Services (SES) received a distribution on January 26, 2022, in the amount of \$198,570 from this distribution to support healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19. The formula utilized to provide for the Phase 4 funding consisted of two components:

1) Base Payments: Approximately 75% of the funding was allocated to providers based on their reported changes in revenues and expenses for the period from July 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. Smaller and medium-sized providers (based on annual net patient care revenues) received relatively higher percentages of their changes in revenues and expenses from this period.

2) Bonus Payments: Approximately 25% of the funding was used to make bonus payments to providers based on the provider's level of participation in Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Medicare.

Background/Explanation:

On April 17, 2020, SES received \$1,605,741 out of the Phase 1 General Distribution funding to eligible providers who billed Medicare fee-for-service in order to provide financial relief during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These funds were allocated proportional to providers' share of annual patient revenue (see Legistar ID # 20-743A). SES did not receive funding from the Phase 2 distribution. On October 1, 2020, HHS announced \$20 billion in additional funding (Phase 3). On December 16, 2020, SES received a distribution in the amount of \$292,923 from this funding (see Legistar ID # 20-1185D). Although SES provided the information requested by HHS on an application form, the most recent funding in the amount of \$198,570 was unexpected.

Fiscal Impact:

FY22 revenue of \$198,570 to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund. This revenue was not included in the FY22 adopted budget.

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the County Administrator to delegate to the Director of Safety and Emergency Services the authority to electronically approve this item is granted under Pinellas County Code Section 2-62 (a)(1).

Staff Member Responsible:

James Fogarty, Director, Safety & Emergency Services

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Terms-and-Conditions Phase 4 Gen Distribution Relief Fund.pdf
Application - Phase 4 Distribution
Power Point presentation from HHS CARES 4th Distribution.pdf