

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor  
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8 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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10 ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 20 - 2B

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12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2023-24 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$39,000  
13 FROM THE NON-AREAWIDE FUND BALANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY  
14 OPERATIONS TO FUND MEDICARE GROUND AMBULANCE DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM  
15 REPORTING; AND WAIVING FNSBC TITLE 16 FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF  
16 CONTRACTED SERVICES TO PREPARE THE REPORT  
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18 WHEREAS, Section 1834(l)(17) of the Social Security Act requires the  
19 Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to collect cost, revenue, utilization,  
20 and other information from representative samples of ground ambulance providers and  
21 suppliers; and  
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23 WHEREAS, CMS developed the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection  
24 System (GADCS) to meet the requirements in Section 1834(l)(17) of the Act; and  
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26 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) has competitively  
27 procured contracted services to handle emergency medical services (EMS) billing; and  
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29 WHEREAS, The EMS billing contractor is familiar with the Borough's EMS  
30 cost, revenue, and utilization data; and  
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32 WHEREAS, Time is of the essence to fulfill the GADCS reporting  
33 requirements and using the Borough's current EMS billing contractor to perform the  
34 GADCS reporting work will be the most efficient and expedient use of Borough resources;  
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37 WHEREAS, The Borough is responsible for non-areawide EMS; and  
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39 WHEREAS, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement accounts for roughly  
40 one-third of EMS transports in the Borough response area; and  
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42 WHEREAS, Failure to comply with the GADCS reporting mechanism will  
43 result in a 10 percent reduction of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement to the Borough;  
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WHEREAS, Compliance with the GADCS reporting is required by federal law and will ensure appropriate Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for EMS services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is not of a general and permanent nature and shall not be codified.

Section 2. Non-Areawide Fund Appropriation. The FY 2023-24 budget is hereby amended by appropriating \$39,000 to the Non-Areawide budgetary guideline entitled "Department of Emergency Operations" and by increasing Contribution from Fund Balance by a like amount.

Section 3. Waiver of FNSBC Title 16. All sections of Title 16, except FNSBC 16.04.040(I), are waived for contracting services to complete the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System reports. In accordance with FNSBC 16.04.040(I), the Mayor shall provide monthly reports to the assembly for funds spent in the preceding month. The reports shall fully identify each expenditure, including to whom the funds were paid, the amount of the expenditure and what efforts were made to maximize to the fullest extent practicable the purchasing value of public funds.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective at 5:00 p.m. on the first Borough business day following its adoption.

ADOPTED THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.

  
Savannah Fletcher  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
April Trickey, MMC  
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Guttenberg, Rotermund, Reeves-Ramos, LaJiness, Crass, Kelly, Haney, O'Neill, Fletcher  
Noes: None

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
FISCAL NOTE

I. Request

Ordinance No: 2023 - 20 - 2B Date Introduced: April 11, 2024

Abbreviated Title: Appropriating \$39,000 From Non-Areawide Fund Balance to the Department of Emergency Operations for Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System Reporting

II. Financial Detail

Department/Division Affected: Emergency Operations / Emergency Medical Services

EXPENDITURE	Non-Areawide Fund	
	FY 23/24	FY 23/24
Other Contractual Services	39,000	
Total	39,000	

SOURCE OF FUNDING		
Contribution from Fund Balance	39,000	
Total	39,000	

Specify Funding Sources: Non-Areawide fund balance

OTHER FUNDING (PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED)		

III. Project Purpose:

Provide funding for contractual work for the federally required Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System reporting

IV. Analysis of Future Liabilities and Funding Sources:

On-going reporting costs

V. Fund Certification: I certify that funding sources are available as detailed in II above.

  
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 Joanne K. Pascoe  
 Chief Financial Officer

3/29/2024  
 Date

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