

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No. 17-354**

Expenditure of funds from the Natividad )  
Medical Center (“NMC”) Fiscal Year 2017-18 )  
Budget to support a Funding Agreement, )  
assisting California State University Monterey )  
Bay (“CSUMB”) in meeting the direct )  
operational costs of CSUMB’s Masters of )  
Science Physician Assistant (“MSPA”) )  
Program, has a direct and primary public )  
purpose, benefiting Monterey County, in )  
general, and NMC, in particular..... )

**WHEREAS**, Natividad is a 172-bed acute-care teaching hospital located at 1441 Constitution Blvd, Salinas, CA 93906. The hospital is owned and operated by Monterey County and the hospital's emergency room receives approximately 52,000 visits per year;

**WHEREAS**, CSUMB is a public university in the 23-campus California State University system located at 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955. CSUMB is envisioned as a comprehensive state university which values service through high quality education;

**WHEREAS**, Beginning January 1, 2019, CSUMB will operate a Master of Science Physician Assistant (“MSPA”) program on its campus at North Salinas, the first physician assistants program within the entire California State University system;

**WHEREAS**, The MSPA program is an intense seven-semester, 27-month, full-time program, consisting of four semesters of concentrated coursework (42 credit hours), including a capstone experience (36 credit hours), and three semesters consisting of twelve 4-week clinical preceptorships. The capstone project consists of a research paper regarding a health issue impacting the tri-county region. Ten of the twelve clinical preceptorships are mandatory rotations intended to provide students enrolled in the MSPA program with experience in primary care;

**WHEREAS**, utilization of physician assistants’ skills and knowledge is a cost-effective strategy for the provision of health care. As a result, physician assistants are in high demand. Even before the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, California, in general, and the tri-county region, in particular, had a severe shortage of physician assistants. Now, with millions more Californians having access to health insurance, including 2.7 million under Medi-Cal, the demand for physician assistants, particularly primary care, rural, and bi-lingual/bi-cultural physician assistants, is greater than ever;

**WHEREAS**, Natividad specifically utilizes the services of physician assistants in both primary care and in specialty service lines throughout the hospital. Over the years, Natividad anticipates increasing reliance on physician assistants to provide cost-effective, high quality healthcare to its patients and anticipates that the MSPA Program shall develop high-qualified candidates, including candidates interested in primary care, practicing in rural communities, and/or are bi-lingual and bi-cultural, for future employment at Natividad;

**WHEREAS**, County has determined and established the existence in Monterey County of a need for the training and development of highly qualified physician assistants to provide meaningful access to healthcare for all Monterey County residents, in particular, the training and development of bi-lingual/bi-cultural physician assistants seeking to provide primary care services and/or in rural communities;

**WHEREAS**, NMC desires to provide funds to CSUMB towards the operational costs of the MSPA Program to facilitate the training and development of highly qualified physician assistants to serve the healthcare needs of persons living in Monterey County and to serve patients at Natividad, in particular (the "Funding"); **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey, that the expenditure of funds from the Natividad Medical Center ("NMC") Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget, to support a Funding Agreement, assisting California State University Monterey Bay ("CSUMB") in meeting the direct operational costs of CSUMB's Masters of Science Physician Assistant ("MSPA") Program, has a direct and primary public purpose, benefiting Monterey County, in general, and NMC, in particular.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** upon motion of Supervisor Parker, seconded by Supervisor Phillips and carried this 10th day of October 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:** Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Salinas, Parker and Adams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 80 for the meeting on October 10, 2017.

Dated: October 11, 2017  
File Number: A 17-372

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy