



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

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Matter Type: BoS Agreement

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute amendment No. 1 to the agreement (A-16333) with California Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft for tissue bank storage services, extending the agreement an additional three (3) year period (January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028) for a revised full agreement term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2028, and adding \$250,000 for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$450,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

California Transplant Services, Inc. (CTS) is licensed by the California Department of Public Health and is an IRS qualified 501(c) 3 non-profit public charity. CTS operates an eye and tissue bank offering physicians worldwide quality tissue for transplant and is accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks and a member of the Eye Bank Association of America.

Natividad would like to continue their agreement with California Transplant Services because of its need to appropriately store tissue such as skull flaps. Natividad performs craniotomies that require patient's skull flaps to be removed. These skull flaps will be properly stored at California Transplant Services. A continued contract with CTS assures proper storage and availability no matter where the patient has their skull flaps implanted.

California Transplant Services (CTS) will supply Natividad with procurement packs for Natividad's use in procuring autologous tissue (skull flaps). Once the skull flap has been acquired, CTS will be contacted and the tissue sent to CTS. CTS will pay for couriers, shipment, and carriage of all autologous bone or skull flaps. CTS shall be responsible for package inspection and notifying

Natividad if the package is compromised and potentially not suitable for re-implantation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this amendment No. 1 as to form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The amendment No. 1 has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad's Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on August 8, 2025.

FINANCING:

The cost for this amendment No. 1 is \$250,000 of which \$80,000 which is included in the FY25-26 Adopted Budget. Amounts for remaining years of the agreement will be included in those budgets as appropriate. Funding will be provided from NMC's Enterprise Fund 451-9600-6613.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The continuation of the current CTS contract will assure tissues are being transported and stored in accordance with current guidelines and regulations. NMC will continue collaboration with CTS to store skull flaps of the trauma patients requiring craniotomies thereby further enhancing healthcare opportunities for Monterey County residents.

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- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Public Safety

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Attachments:

California Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Amendment No. 1

California Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board