



Natividad operates a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) that provides stabilization of the initially ill newborn and intermediate intensive care as well as continuing care for growing newborns. Retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) is a potentially blinding disease caused by abnormal development of retinal blood vessels in premature infants.

Natividad has an agreement with LPCH to provide specialized physicians for the initial evaluation of high-risk premature infants in the NICU in accordance with the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Natividad wishes to amend the agreement to extend the term so that LPCH can continue to provide this critical service for its patients.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to fiscal provisions. The Amendment has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

FINANCING:

The cost of this Amendment is \$90,000. The total cost of this Agreement is \$270,000 for the period September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2024. \$45,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 adopted budget. The remaining balance will be budgeted in the subsequent fiscal year. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The services rendered in this agreement are required for a Level III NICU and provide Natividad with the additional support it needs in order to provide reliable and high-quality patient care which improves the health and quality of life for patients and their families.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health and Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

- Second Amendment
- First Amendment
- Agreement

Attachments on File at the Clerk of the Board