



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

File #: A 20-290, **Version:** 1

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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, which offers physicians worldwide, quality tissue for transplant. CTS is accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks as well as a member of the Eye Bank Association of America.

NMC would like to extend its agreement with California Transplant Services because of the need to adequately store tissue, such as bone flaps. NMC is a Level II trauma center performing emergent craniotomies that require a patient's skull flaps to be removed and properly stored at California Transplant Services. Continuing the current contract with CTS assures proper storage and availability, no matter where the patient has their skull flaps implanted.

California Transplant Services (CTS) will supply NMC with procurement packs for NMC's use in procuring autologous tissue (skull flaps). Once the skull flap has been surgically removed, CTS is then contacted and the tissue sent to CTS. CTS will pay for couriers, shipment, and carriage of all autologous bone or skull flaps in accordance with current tissue transport standards. CTS shall be responsible for package inspection and notifying NMC 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 NMC's Finance Committee on and by its Board of Trustees on July 10, 2020.

FINANCING:

The cost for this Agreement is \$232,000, of which \$57,500 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Adopted Budget. Amounts for remaining years of the Agreement will be included in those budgets as appropriate.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The continuation of the current CTS contract will ensure 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.

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

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Attachments:

- California Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Amendment 1
- California Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board