THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 9, 2020

Subject: Agreement with Ashewell Medical Group for COVID-19 testing for City of Asheville employees who were on the frontlines during the pandemic.

Staff Resource(s): Scott Burnette, Fire Chief
Abigail Riley, Fire Finance Analyst

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Ashewell Medical Group for up to $148,750 for COVID-19 testing.

Background:

- The agreement allows for up to 850 city employees to be tested for COVID-19 and its antibodies at $175 per employee and a total of $148,750.
- Ashewell Medical Group will provide FDA-approved antibody and PCR testing of COVID-19 for employees who have been working in the community since March 2020.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Three local vendors provided quotes for testing
- Ashewell Medical Group is a woman-owned business.

Council Goal(s):

- Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Testing will provide information for employees, their families, and leadership about the impacts working in the pandemic has had so far.
- Testing will provide reassurance to employees and the community as workgroups are reassembled.
- Enhanced PPE and procedures developed based on outcomes
- Understanding what level of potential immunity we have in our employee community

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this agreement will come from the existing Fiscal Year 2019-20 Health Fund budget. There will be an opportunity for the City to be reimbursed for these expenses from FEMA.

Suggested Motion:

- Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Ashewell Medical Group for $148,750 for COVID-19 Testing for frontline CIty Employees.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH ASHEWELL MEDICAL GROUP FOR COVID-19 TESTING OF CITY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has solicited services from Ashewell Medical Group for testing of frontline employees for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville desires to enter into an agreement with Ashewell Medical Group in the amount of $148,750; and

WHEREAS, funding for said work is included in the budget and the City would utilize funds from the Health Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Ashewell Medical Group for the agreement value of $148,750 for testing city employees for COVID-19 and its antibodies.

Read, approved and adopted this the 9th day of June, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney