

## **Exhibit “1”**

### **Scope of Expenditures**

1. The following is the scope of expenditures to be funded by the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund For Local Governments received by the County of San Bernardino:

**The following scope of expenditures sustains operations and increases dispatch capacity in support of the regional response to the current COVID-19 pandemic:**

- **Emergency Community Nurse System (Nurse Triage Program):** As an accredited center for Emergency Medical Dispatch, CONFIRE has the ability to expand the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program to incorporate a nurse element that would allow for the further screening of certain calls that can assist in identifying potential COVID-19 or other communicable-disease cases and directing them to appropriate treatment and transportation options. A nurse provided by the Chino Valley Independent Fire District will provide project management services for the implementation of the nurse element. The nurse will remain an employee of Chino Valley Independent Fire District and shall work cooperatively with but have no supervision or control over nurses provided by the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District. Nurses provided by the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and Chino Valley Independent Fire District help expand CONFIRE’s dispatch capabilities by implementing protocols that help get patients/callers to the correct treatment site. This proactive approach of installing nurses in the dispatch center provides for the appropriate care and safety measures for all involved. The Nurse Triage Program includes any directly related CARES Act reimbursable: a) training; b) travel associated with the training; and c) other incidental costs and services.
- **Regional Dispatch Improvements:** Investment in technological improvements at the Hesperia location. This investment has improved operations between CONFIRE’s two locations (Rialto and Hesperia). This investment will provide for full redundancy should one location or center become impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic or something similar. Funding also included the staffing necessary to support the Hesperia center. In addition, lessons learned from 9-1-1 centers located in impacted COVID-19 hot spots indicated that portable call-taking equipment is vital in increasing the capacity for multiple dispatch centers to work together.

The above programs/projects enable the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District to sustain and expand its capability for response to the COVID-19 pandemic with investment into critical infrastructure of the region.

The use of CARES Act funds for these programs/projects is permissible as the costs for the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District:

- are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
  - were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act); and
  - were incurred during the period that begins March 1, 2020 and ends December 31, 2021.
2. Not-to-exceed amount of expenditures described in 1, above, incurred and paid during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 is \$345,000.
3. Test:
- a. Is the expense connected to the current COVID-19 emergency and, if yes, how?
- Yes. COVID-19 is an ongoing pandemic. The expense will allow Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to respond better in the current COVID-19 pandemic.**
- b. Is the expense “necessary” due to the COVID-19 emergency and, if yes, how?
- Yes, the expense is necessary to ensure efficiency in response, better protect first responders and to assure COVID-19 related patients are transported to appropriate destinations. The nurse triage capability helps relieve pressure on the first responders, ambulance providers, and emergency rooms, all while providing the citizens a path to the most appropriate care. The nurses direct the callers to the most appropriate destination for their condition utilizing such resources as: behavioral health facilities, chemical dependency facilities, urgent cares, clinics, or their primary health care provider.**
- c. If the expense includes meeting payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees, are these services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and, if yes, how?
- Resources are substantially dedicated to the COVID-19 crisis as dispatchers, and nurses providing emergency medical services.**
- d. Is the expense filling a short fall in government revenues?
- No**
- e. Is the expense funded through another budget line item, allotment or allocation, as of March 27, 2020?
- No**
- f. True or false: The expense would not exist without COVID-19 OR would be for a “substantially different” purpose.
- i. If true, please explain.

**CARES Act funding is necessary to provide immediate funding for this program in a manner that would help re-direct certain callers to more appropriate treatment options, thereby averting a dispatch to first responders. It will better protect first responders from COVID-19 and assure COVID-19 related patients are transported to appropriate destinations.**

- g. The CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund is considered as federal financial assistance under the Single Audit Act and is subject to 2 CFR Part 200, including but not limited to 2 CFR 200.303 (internal control), 200.330 thru 200.332 (subrecipient monitoring and management), and subpart F (audit). Does your agency have adequate policies and procedures in place to be in compliance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)?

**Yes.**