



EMS FUND

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

The “Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund” is a funding mechanism that generates funding through the assessment of penalties on motor vehicle and criminal fines and forfeitures to partially compensate health care physicians and hospitals for otherwise uncompensated emergency medical and trauma care services. Legislation enacted for Santa Barbara County to continue this fund has established a sunset clause, the current enabling legislation AB1900 sunsets on January 1, 2011.

MADDY FUND HISTORY

1991 – Based on strong recommendation from the Courts, Law and Justice Community, option to implement EMS Fund was not taken, funding allocated to address criminal justice facilities.

2003 – Board of Supervisors directed EMS Agency staff to work with other interested parties to seek legislation to establish an EMS Fund.

2005 - SB635, signed into law allowing County to establish an EMS Fund by increasing surcharges on fines and forfeitures under GC76000, for Santa Barbara County only, sunset date Jan.1, 2007.

2007 - AB2265 extended sunset until Jan.1, 2009 and required County place an appropriate tax ordinance as a County Measure on the ballot on or before Nov. 2008.

2008 – Measure S, a parcel tax of \$35.15 per parcel of property was placed on the February 5, 2008 election, but failed to gain the required 2/3 votes to pass.

2008 - The Board of Supervisors acknowledged in the September 2, 2008 board meeting that “should AB1900 be signed and chaptered into law, it is the clear understanding of the legislature and the Governor that the County would not pursue another legislative bill to further extend or remove the sunset date of the EMS Fund”.

2009 – AB1900 limited fines and forfeitures to alcohol and drug related violations, reducing fund to an anticipated \$600,000 annually from 1.9 million, and extended sunset date until Jan. 1, 2011, with the stipulation that the County would not seek legislation for another extension, and address EMS funding through a local mechanism.

2009 – SB 1265 State wide legislation provided an increase in fines and forfeitures in GC 76000 to enhance funds and to fund pediatric trauma care, County resolution Dec. 2008 provided access to these funds, which sunset in Jan. 1, 2014.

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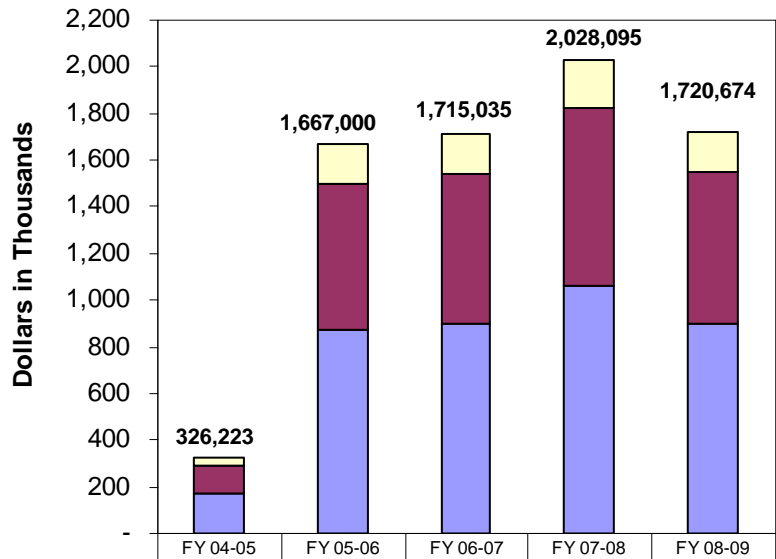
PUBLIC BENEFIT/IMPACT

The EMS Fund provides reimbursement to physicians and hospitals (Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital, Lompoc District Hospital, Marian Medical Center, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital) for costs of providing non-compensated emergency medical and trauma care services. This includes Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, the only trauma center serving the entire Central Coast and the only comprehensive trauma center between Los Angeles and San Jose. Funding is used to maintain and expand the availability of various specialists on call within the emergency rooms.

Maddy Fund Revenue Summary

Fiscal Year 2004-05 thru 2008-09 Actual

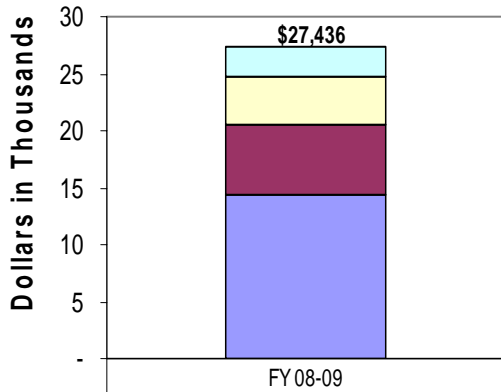
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	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
Administration (10%)	32,622	166,700	171,503	202,809	172,067
Hospitals (42%)	123,312	630,126	648,283	766,620	650,415
Physicians (58%)	170,288	870,174	895,248	1,058,666	898,192

Nava YTD Revenue Summary

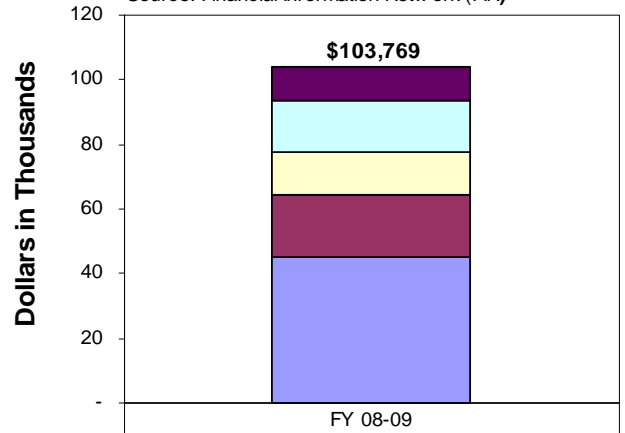
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Administration (10%)	2,744
EMS (17%)	4,198
Hospitals (25%)	6,173
Physicians (58%)	14,322

Padilla YTD Revenue Summary

Source: Financial Information Network (FIN)



Administration (10%)	10,377
PEDS (15%)	15,565
EMS (17%)	13,231
Hospitals (25%)	19,457
Physicians (58%)	45,140

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COST TO THE GOVERNMENT

There is no cost to the State for allowing the County's EMS Fund to continue beyond its 2011 sunset date.

ACTION AND STRATEGY FOR CONSIDERATION

- Generate new tax revenue, such as sales tax, parcel tax, transient occupancy tax (hotel), other type of luxury/alcohol, excess tax.
- Tobacco Settlement Funds
- Inter-Governmental Transfer

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