

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 2, 2009
Date Submitted: May 4, 2009
To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Johnny Williams County Administrator
Brian Beasley, Chief EMS
Subject: Acceptance of Grant from Bureau of EMS

Statement of Issue:

This item request BOCC to accept the Emergency Medical Service Tracking and Reporting System. (EMSTARS) grant from The Bureau of Ems and the Florida department of Transportation. (FDOT)

Background:

This grant is for the purchase of two new laptops and a server to continue the reporting of EMS calls for service to the State. Gadsden County EMS has been involved in the (EMSTARS) program from the start. Gadsden EMS is a Beta test agency for this and also is a member of the State Data Committee who reports to the Bureau of EMS State Advisory Council.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact to the County is zero dollars. This is a 100% reimbursable grant from the State. The amount that Gadsden EMS is approved for is \$14,400.

Options:

1. BOCC approval to accept the grant
2. Provide staff direction

Recommendation:

Option 1.

Attachment:

1. Copy of grant letter



Charlie Crist
Governor

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.
State Surgeon General

March 5, 2009

Mr. Bud Parmer, County Manager
Gadsden County Board
of County Commissioners
412 East Jefferson Street
Quincy, FL 32351

Dear Mr. Parmer:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your request for EMSTARS funding assistance has been approved by both the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Your budget request has been revised in accordance with the USDOT grant requirements. The new amount you will receive is \$14,400.00. The original signed application and one copy are enclosed with the revised budget page(s). Please initial the changes listed on the budget page(s) of the original application and return to the BEMS within 10 days. You are authorized by the application and this letter to purchase the items listed in the application except for the server. The server cannot be purchased until the Safety Office receives approval from NHTSA for the purchase. You will receive a separate letter from the bureau to notify you of the approval to purchase the server. All purchases must occur after the date of this letter.

Since this is a cost reimbursement program, you must purchase the hardware and software. After the purchase and receipt of the equipment, you will have to submit a request for reimbursement to the BEMS. Due to the strict requirements of the USDOT, all expenditure information must be received by the BEMS no later than September 1, 2009, 5:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for you to be eligible for reimbursement. You must provide a copy of an invoice, a receiving report and documentation of payment (canceled check front and back or other documentation). Reimbursement will not be made for any item not listed in the application's approved revised budget.

The signed application acknowledges you have read, understood, and will comply with all terms and conditions of the approved and signed application.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in improving the Florida pre-hospital emergency medical services system. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Stephanie Daugherty, Data Unit Program Administrator, at telephone number (850) 245-4440, extension *2747.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Bixler". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John C. Bixler, Paramedic, RN, BSN
Chief, Bureau of EMS

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Enclosure