

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Request for Board Consideration and Approval to Apply for an EMSTARS Grant for Vehicle Mounts and a Supervisor Laptop

Statement of Issues

This agenda item requests Board consideration and approval to apply for an EMSTARS Grant for vehicle mounts and a supervisor laptop.

Background

Wakulla EMS began transitioning to electronic run reports in the 2007 EMSTARS grant cycle. In 2007 the State EMS Department provided the “Tuff Book” computers and billing software at no cost to the County. In addition, last year, the EMSTARS grant provided software and training at no cost to the County. This year the Department of Transportation (DOT) has furnished grant money to the State EMS Office, which is allowing an opportunity for additional grant funding in 2009.

Analysis:

To facilitate the protection of the “Tuff Book” computers and to increase ease of use, it would be helpful to install truck mounts in the cab of the ambulances to “dock” the computers. Additionally, purchase of an additional laptop for the County EMS Supervisor would help in the quality assurance aspect of the documentation and collection of data. An additional supervisor’s computer would provide immediate access to run report and patient information from the supervisor vehicle. Wakulla County EMS would be applying for \$5,900 for both the vehicle mounts and the supervisor laptop. The EMSTAR grants are 100% funded by the State EMS office, on a reimbursement basis.

Options:

1. Approve Wakulla EMS to apply for an EMSTARS Grant for vehicle mounts and a supervisor’s laptop.
2. Do not approve Wakulla EMS to apply for an EMSTARS Grant for vehicle mounts and supervisor laptop.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation

Option #1