

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request for Board Consideration and Approval for Wakulla County EMS to Apply for a Matching Grant for IV Access Devices Through the State of Florida EMS Office

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### **Statement of Issues**

This agenda item requests Board consideration and approval to apply for a matching grant for IV access devices through the State EMS Office.

### **Background**

When patients experience major trauma it is often essential to administer intravenous (IV) fluids in order to save the patient's life. The veins are often difficult to access when major blood loss has occurred. The only alternate route available to EMS is through the vascular areas of the bone. There is now an IV access device available which greatly simplifies the IV access when attempts to obtain an IV in the vein have failed.

### **Analysis:**

The cost to put one IV access device on each of the in-service vehicles and supervisor's vehicle would be \$4,800 for the four devices. The State EMS Office has matching grant funds through both a 90/10% and a 75/25% match. Once the grant is turned it would then be eligible for both options. The cost to Wakulla County for the match would be \$480 or \$1,200, respectively. Wakulla EMS could pay the 90/10% from its budget and would look for community assistance for the balance if the result was a 75/25 grant.

### **Options**

1. Approve Wakulla EMS to apply for a matching grant for IV access devices through the State of Florida EMS Office.
2. Do not approve Wakulla EMS to apply for a matching grant for IV access devices through the State of Florida EMS Office.
3. Board Direction.

### **Recommendation:**

Option #1