

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 25, 2010

Date Submitted: January 8, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Request Board Consideration and Authorization to Apply for the State of Florida Emergency Medical Services Tracking and Reporting (EMSTARS) Grant Program to Request Funds to Complete the Build-Out of Wakulla County's Electronic Patient Care Records Infrastructure and Continue Electronic Run Reporting for an Additional Year

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board consideration and approval for the Department of Public Safety to apply for the State of Florida Emergency Medical Services Tracking and Reporting (EMSTARS) Grant Program to request funds to complete the build-out of Wakulla County's Electronic Patient Care Records Infrastructure and continue electronic run reporting for an additional year.

Background:

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of EMS manages a grant that is filled through Federal Grants received by the Bureau of EMS through the Florida Department of Transportation's Safety Program. Its purpose is to improve the ability of EMS Agencies to perform analysis through an Automated Run Report system. This grant program provides no match funding opportunities to the Counties and EMS agencies of Florida who participate in the Emergency Medical Services Tracking and Reporting System (EMSTARS) Program, in conjunction with the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS). There is a competitive portion to this grant program. It is an excellent opportunity to expand the provisions of the County EMS System since it is a cost-reimbursement grant and the County is reimbursed 100% for expenditures within the grant.

Analysis:

There is no match required for this grant and its issuance is based on competition. A total of \$200,000.00 is available for the 09/10 fiscal year. If awarded, the grant funds will be used to complete the build-out of electronic run reporting infrastructure by adding two supervisor laptops and will also be used to continue to fund the EMS Charts computer system for an additional year. EMS Charts was initially provided and funded for Wakulla County through this grant program.

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Total funding request for this project is \$11,800, with no match required. Grant applications initially were due on or before January 31, 2010, but have recently been extended to February 12, 2010. Grant award notices are anticipated to be issued 14 days after the closing of the grant window.

Options:

1. Authorize the Department of Public Safety to submit a grant application to the State of Florida Emergency Medical Services Tracking and Reporting Grant Program.
2. Do not authorize application submittal for the State of Florida Emergency Medical Services Tracking and Reporting Grant Program.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Official Notice of Deadline Extension