



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

2021-2022 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant Application

Presenter:

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Description:

Emergency Medical Services Grant application and request for fund distribution

Recommended Action:

Adopt the Resolution, approve the EMS Grant Application

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

The FY22 EMS County Grant is \$36,375.00. Once the award is received, the Department will return to the Board with a budget amendment for the revenue and expenses. At that time, it will be accounted for in Fund 014.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

The Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services is authorized by Chapter 401, Part II, F.S., to dispense grant funds. Forty-five (45) percent of these funds are made available to the 67 boards of County Commissioners (BoCCs) to improve and expand pre-hospital EMS systems in their County. Each County is required to submit a Grant Application and request for grant fund distribution. Alachua County's grant award amount is \$36,375.00.

Chapter 401 of the Florida Statutes authorizes the Florida Department of Health to award funds to eligible Florida counties for the enhancement of Emergency Medical Services. These funds are collected from surcharges on moving violations issued within the county and awarded to each eligible County for the purpose of improving and/or expanding their pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services. This is an annual process which requires no matching funds.

The State has notified Alachua County that the FY22 EMS County Grant is \$36,375.00. Funds will be utilized to sponsor employees to attend the Baltimore Airway and Critical Care Paramedic Courses, the purchase of Medication Refrigerators, ALS Backpacks, Patient Lift Straps and to fund the North Central Florida Trauma Agency for ongoing trauma studies.

The deadline for receipt of the complete grant application and request for fund distribution is December 17, 2021.