

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQ

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Date: April 15, 2015

Weekly Agenda Date: April 21, 2015

DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Gary Brown, Emergency Services

SUBJECT: 2016 EMS System Development Grant

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM: Woodbury County Emergency Services is requesting the Board's approval to apply for the 2016 EMS System Development Grant. In addition, to have the Board's approval to have Dawn Zahnley documented as the Authorized Representative and Jean Jessen documented as the Fiscal Officer.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This grant award is from the Iowa Department of Public Health. The funding amount is \$11,570.00; this funding is used to reimburse Woodbury County Emergency Services and the rural EMS Services in Woodbury County for initial training and continuing education. This includes tuition, books and fees associated with the EMS. The grant timeline is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

BACKGROUND: Woodbury County Emergency Services with Woodbury County Board of Supervisors has participated and facilitated the EMS System Development Grant well over ten years. The EMS Squads participate at very near 100% annually. The grant award does vary year to year dependent on available funds. (\$6K-\$11K) However, when the award is at the optimum levels there has not been a situation where there has been any funding remaining. The EMS Squad pays for the expenses and submits them annually and Emergency Services presents that information to IDPH and they submit the reimbursement as one check. Once that check is received then Emergency Services generates payments back to each of the EMS Squads. Emergency Services has historically over the past ten years, provided the financial information to the Auditor's office for annual review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This grant provides Emergency Services and the rural EMS Squads financial relief from the increased expense of new volunteers with initial training. The cost of initial training for an EMT is approximately \$1,200.00 per EMT student. Any advanced skills are well above that. Continued education for all levels approximately \$200.00-\$500.00 per squad member annually to maintain their EMS Certification.

RECOMMENDATION: Our recommendation is for the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors approves the application for the 2016 EMS System Development Grant and approve that Dawn Zahnley be listed as the Authorized Representative and Jean Jessen be listed as the Fiscal Officer.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval is needed (as stated above) by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors to proceed.

Approved by Board of Supervisors March 3, 2015.