

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) R

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Date: April 11th, 2016

Weekly Agenda Date: April 19th, 2016

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Gary Brown, Director

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM: 2017 EMS System Development Grant

- a. Approval to Apply for the 2017 EMS System Development Grant
- b. Approval to document Dawn Zahnley as Authorized Official and Jean Jessen as Fiscal Officer

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance
 Give Direction

Approve Resolution
 Other: Informational

Approve Motion
 Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This grant award comes from the Iowa Department of Public Health. The funding amount for this year is \$7,713.00; this funding is used to reimburse Woodbury County Emergency Services and the rural EMS Squads in Woodbury County for initial training expenses and continuing education for the active EMS volunteers. This reimbursement includes tuition, books and fees associated with the EMS curriculum. The grant timeline is July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND: Woodbury County Emergency Services and the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors have participated and facilitated the EMS System Development grant for the Woodbury County EMS Association for over ten plus years. The EMS Squads participate at near 100% annually. The grant award amount does vary year to year dependent on the available funds initially. The range has been \$6K to \$11K for Woodbury County. However, historically when the award amount is optimum; there has not been a situation where there has been any funding remaining. The EMS squads pay for the expenses and submit them annually and Emergency Services presents that information to IDPH and they issue a payment as one check. Once that payment is received Emergency Services generates payments back to the individual EMS Squads. Jean Jessen from the Auditor's Office and Dawn Zahnley from Emergency Services work together to provide required reporting and documentation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This grant provides Emergency Services and the rural EMS Squads a bit of financial relief from the expenses of training new volunteers with initial training; which cost at a minimum \$1,200.00 per EMT student. Higher advance in EMS Certifications increase the tuition costs. The required Continuing Education annually for all EMS volunteers is approximately \$200.00 to \$500.00 per squad member to maintain their EMS license.

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes No

RECOMMENDATION: Our recommendations is for the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors approves the application for the 2017 EMS System Development Grant for the amount of \$7,713.00; and approve and sign the memo (see attached) for Dawn Zahnley from Emergency Services to be the Authorized Official and Jean Jessen from the Auditor's Office to be the Fiscal Officers for the purpose of administering this grant.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION: Motion to have the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors approve the application for the 2017 EMS System Development Grant for the amount of \$7,713.00; and sign to approve Dawn Zahnley from Emergency Services to be the Authorized Official and Jean Jessen from the Auditor's Office to be the Fiscal Officers for the purpose of administering this grant.

Approved by Board of Supervisors April 5, 2016.



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MEMO

To: Woodbury County Board of Supervisors

From: Gary Brown, Director

Date: April 11th, 2016

Subject: 2017 EMS System Development Grant

Woodbury County Emergency Services is requesting the board's approval to apply for the 2017 EMS System Development Grant.

The grant award is from the Iowa Department of Public Health, the funding amount is \$7,713.00. These funds will be used to reimburse rural EMS Services in Woodbury County for initial training expenses, tuition and books, continuing education. The grant timeline is July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

In addition, Emergency Services would like to ask for the board's approval to have Dawn Zahnley listed as the Authorized Official for this grant and Jean Jessen listed as the Fiscal Officer.

Woodbury County Board of Supervisors
Jeremy Taylor, Chairman

Date