



Agenda Item Summary

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2025-26 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Trust Grant Award

Presenter:

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Description:

2025–26 EMS Trust Grant Award in the amount of \$32,497.20.

Recommended Action:

Accept the FY2025-26 EMS Trust Grant Award, adopt the Resolution accepting and allocating the unanticipated grant revenue, and approve the budget amendment.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

The Florida Department of Health has awarded \$32,497.20 to the County under the 2025–2026 EMS County Grant Program. The funds will be used to purchase EMS equipment and supplies \$31,847.26 (014.54.5450.526.52.00 #EMSTrust2526 Operating Equipment) and \$649.94 to the North Central Florida Trauma Agency (014.54.5450.526.54.40 #EMSTrust2526 Memberships)

There is no required match, however, an interfund loan in an amount not to exceed \$32,497.20 is required for cash flow purposes. The grant will be paid out to the County in four quarterly payments of \$8,124.30 each.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, is authorized under Chapter 401, Part II, Florida Statutes, to distribute annual grant funds. Under the 2025–26 EMS County Grant Program, the Florida Department of Health has awarded Alachua County \$32,497.20.

The grant funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies to transport and administer whole blood to patients, which allows paramedics to provide life-saving transfusions at the scene for patients with severe bleeding, with the potential for adjustments during the grant period based on the evolving needs of the department and surrounding emergency response agencies.

These are State funds provided through the EMS Trust Fund administered by the Florida Department of Health and paid in four quarterly payments to the County.