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August 21, 2015

Lumpkin County BOC

RE: 2015 GAEMS Trauma Grant

BOC,

In June of this year, the BOC approved for LCES to apply for the GAEMS Trauma grant. Fortunately we have been awarded the Grant. The grant award is in the amount of \$13,176.55. The best part is, there are no matching funds from us. So, there will be no budget impact.

My recommendation is to accept the Georgia Trauma Commission 2015 GAEMS Trauma Grant. It will give us the opportunity to purchase much needed equipment that we would not be able to buy with our current budget.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Wimpy".

David Wimpy,
LCES Director/Fire Chief



Lumpkin County, Georgia

Finance Department

Date: August 21, 2015

Agenda Item: Grant Award
Georgia Trauma Commission
2015 GAEMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant Program
Emergency Services - Equipment

Facts & Historical Information:

In June of this year, the Board of Commissioners approved the submission of a 2015 GAEMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant Program application to the Georgia Trauma Commission. For FY-2015, the Georgia Trauma Commission announced it had funding in the amount of \$2,980,536.00 available to award to eligible 911-zoned ambulance providers. Individual award amounts were determined by dividing the total amount of available funding by the number of qualified 911-zoned ambulances for which an application was submitted. Based upon this formula, the total dollar award amount per unit was calculated to be \$2,635.31. The total award amount for Lumpkin County will be \$13,176.55 (2,635.31 x 5).

Potential Courses of Action:

- A. Accept the Georgia Trauma Commission 2015 GAEMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant Program award.
- B. Take no action.

Budget Impact: Should the decision be made to accept the 2015 GAEMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant Program award, there will be no impact to the County's operating budget as there is no cash match requirement.

Staff

Recommendation: Please see statement form David Wimpy, Director of Emergency Services.



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August 20, 2015

On behalf of the GAEMS Board of Directors I wanted to provide everyone with the most current information we have regarding the trauma equipment grants. To date we have completed all preliminary work as required by the contract. We have completed the development and distribution of applications. We received the applications back from the 911 services then disseminated to all 10 Region Program Directors to verify accuracy in unit numbers per service and provide final validation. Finally, we have determined the total dollar amount per unit for the award (\$2,635.31). The GAEMS had planned to send the information out last month but...The Trauma Commission received word that the payment of invoice process that was agreed upon in the executed contract with GAEMS, as well as other entities that provide contracted services for the Ga Trauma Commission, was in conflict with State policy. Many hours of effort had gone into working out this contract so both GAEMS and the Trauma Commission were frustrated with this most recent development.

At this point Mr. Pettyjohn, Executive Director of The Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC), is awaiting amendments from the Attorney General's office to send for GAEMS review. We are hopeful and expect the AG's office to provide the amendments this week. The significance of this to the EMS community is that we will not be able to refund the trauma equipment awards quite as quickly as we had anticipated. In years past we have typically been able to process payments within 10-14 days of receipt of the affidavit since a significant portion of the grant dollars at that point had already been released to GAEMS. We are now working with the GTC to develop a process that will allow us to receive your affidavit, process it quickly and send to the GTC for validation. GTC will then process the request through the Department of Public Health for payment to GAEMS. We anticipate that this process will allow us to return payment back to the EMS services within 30 to 45 days.

Please continue to gather information and plan for your equipment purchases. I hope to provide the individual Notice of award letters to each of you within the next week to 10 days.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this issue. We appreciate the work you do and for your efforts in improving outcomes for trauma patients in Georgia.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kim Littleton'.

Kim Littleton, Executive Director