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STANISLAUS COUNTY EMS SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

I. AUTHORITY

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Approval on March 31, 2020., as revised January 25, 2021, and revision approved on February 1, 2022.

Stanislaus County EMS Agency JPA Board of Directors concurrence on February 14,

II 2022. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Agency” - The operative EMS Agency for Stanislaus County pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 1797.00 et seq.
- B. “Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Enhancement Funds” – The funds generated from Stanislaus County ambulance provider(s) contractual non-compliance in response to EMS requests.
- C. “Eligible Agency” – A public stakeholder within the Stanislaus County EMS System.
- D. “County Department” – Stanislaus County’s Health Services Agency (HAS) or Office of Emergency Services (OES).

III PURPOSE

Establish a process for the use of Stanislaus County EMS System Enhancement Funds

IV. POLICY

The EMS System Enhancement Fund is composed of fines assessed and collected from the Stanislaus County ambulance providers for contractual non-compliance in response to EMS requests.

Response Time compliance is monitored through contractual agreements between Agency and Stanislaus County ambulance providers. The objective is to encourage response time compliance and thereby improve patient care for the community. Fines generated from non-compliance issues are used to enhance the EMS System within Stanislaus County

Funds shall be allocated to projects that support the following priorities:

- A. Capital expenditures geared toward the integration of EMS dispatch in the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Dispatch Center and potentially other public dispatch entities;
- B. Training costs associated with the integration of EMS dispatch in the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Dispatch Center and potentially other public dispatch entities;
- C. EMS training, equipment and/or supply purchases that benefit or enhance EMS services in Stanislaus County on a system-wide basis. A percentage limit is listed within the parenthesis next to each category of the total system enhancement fund for the purchase of EMS equipment or training equipment, First Responder EMS equipment, and EMS pre-hospital supplies.
 - 1. The following items are acceptable items to request
 - a. EMS equipment or training equipment (Single request not to exceed 2.5% of total system enhancement fund amount – Example 2.5% of 2,000,000 = 50,000.00)
 - 1) Automated External Defibrillator's (AEDs)
 - 2) Manikins used for CPR or EMS training
 - 3) Stair Chairs
 - 4) Training equipment that adds to or enhances the skill(s) of a First Responder or EMS Personnel
 - b. EMS Supplies (Single request not to exceed 2.5% of total system enhancement fund amount)
 - 1) AED replacement supplies
 - 2) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - 3) Triage Tags
 - c. Items/services requested by County Department that benefit or enhance the EMS services in Stanislaus County on a system-wide basis, including start-up costs for a single county EMS agency.
- D. Agency shall provide an accounting of the fund balance to Stanislaus County upon request.
- E. All unused designated funds remaining at the conclusion of an approved purchase will be returned to the undesignated portion of the EMS System Enhancement Fund, an asset of Stanislaus County

V. PROCEDURES

- A. An Eligible Agency may complete and submit an Application to Request Allocation of System Enhancement Funds (Attachment A) to Stanislaus County OES. The application must include the following:
 - 1. Detailed description of the project
 - 2. Amount requested with a detailed budget
 - 3. Other funding sources available
 - 4. Justification for how the EMS System will be enhanced
 - 5. Supporting documentation (i.e. quotes, project analysis and planning documents)
- B. Stanislaus County OES shall review and assess the application's alignment with the fund priorities and confer with the Stanislaus County Public Health Officer (PHO). If an

- application is determined eligible, Stanislaus County OES will coordinate with HSA and prepare a recommendation for approval to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, through the Stanislaus County agenda management process.
- C. The HSA and OES are not subject to Procedures A and B above. With Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer's concurrence, these County Departments may make staff recommendations for use of the System Enhancement Funds to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors through the existing Stanislaus County agenda management process.
- D. Upon approval from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors of Eligible Agency applications, the following shall take place:
1. Stanislaus County OES would notify Agency.
 2. Agency shall notify the applicant.
 3. The applicant shall invoice the Agency for the approved funds.
 - a. The invoice shall include:
 - 1) Agency Name, Address, Contact Person
 - 2) Invoice Number
 - 3) Quantity of Items to be Purchased
 - 4) Unit Price of Item
 - 5) Description of Items Purchasing
 - 6) Subtotal
 - 7) Total
 4. Agency shall disburse the funds by check within 30 calendar days of receipt of invoice.
 5. Recipient, if not a Stanislaus County Department, shall Provide the following to Agency:
 - a. Confirm proof of purchase by submitting receipt of purchase to Agency.
- E. Upon approval from Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors of an HSA or OES use request, the respective County Department will notify Agency and Agency shall remit corresponding payment to respective County Department within 30 calendar days.

Attachment A

Application to Request Allocation of System Enhancement Funds

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** _____

1. Detailed description of the project (Attach additional supporting documentation if desired)
2. Amount requested with a detailed budget (Specific Project Costs and Capital Item(s) to be purchased – attach additional pages as needed)
3. Provide justification on how the EMS System will be enhanced in Stanislaus County
4. Describe other funding sources available to fund this project (Matching Funds, Applying for state funding on a regional basis, Greater benefits would be realized by more counties/more agencies participating)
5. Supporting Documentation (Quotes, project analysis and planning documents)