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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Greene County Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Terry Beigie, Grant Writer
SUBJECT:	Spring 2026 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant Application
DATE:	March 10, 2026

Recommended action:

Approve the attached resolution to allow the County Administrator to execute the Spring 2026 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant Application for much needed lifesaving equipment for Greene County Emergency Medical Services for a 50-50 match.

Background:

Greene County Emergency Medical Services (GCEMS) began operation in October 2020 after the University of Virginia terminated their contractual service for 911 response. Shortly before, the volunteer rescue squad had closed their operation as well. GCEMS has been building its fleet and equipment needs since its takeover utilizing grants. The department has received grant awards for six LUCAS chest compression devices, two power load/power cots, six Lifepak monitor defibrillators, and one ambulance.

The Rescue Squad Assistance Fund opens twice annually to provide emergency medical services agencies and other nonprofit organizations with the opportunity to apply for matching funds to support the purchase of equipment, training supplies, special projects, and priorities. This is one of the only funding streams for EMS

service for grants. The next grant round closes on March 16. The Fund, established through the Code of Virginia, is operated through the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services. Requested items must comply with the plans, policies, procedures, and guidelines adopted by the EMS Advisory Board pursuant to §32.1-12 and 32.1-111.3 of the Code of Virginia. Grants will be approved for the following:

1. Establishment of a new EMS agency, program, or service where needed to improve emergency medical services offered in an area;
2. Expansion or improvement of an existing EMS agency, program, or service;
3. Replacement of equipment or procurement of new equipment; or
4. Establishment, expansion, or improvement of EMS training programs.

We are requesting the Board approve the resolution allowing the County Administrator to execute the grant agreement for two power load/power cots and two electric stair chairs. The budget does not provide for a line item to match grants (and general guidelines would prohibit such a use of set-aside in the budget as grants cannot supplant current budgeted items). The grants also do not pay for the required accessories needed for each equipment item. The maximum amount needed will be \$68,578.00 if the Office of Emergency Services fully funds the request. Funds can come from reserved balance or other unobligated funds. We do not need to decide this until we receive an award letter in July, which will again come before the Board of Supervisors for acceptance and approval.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Melissa Meador, Director of Emergency Services/EMS Chief.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
TO EXECUTE SPRING 2026 RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTANCE
FUND GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is accepting applications for the Spring 2026 cycle of the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) competitive matching program; and

WHEREAS, OEMS will accept applications from nonprofit licensed EMS agencies and other Virginia EMS organizations pursuant to § 32.1-111.12 until September 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Emergency Medical Services has identified the need to purchase two (2) Power Pro Stretchers and two (2) Electric Stair Chairs; and

WHEREAS, the RSAF awards grants per the Code of Virginia for the replacement of equipment or procurement of new equipment; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the Spring 2026 RSAF grant, it will require a 50% match in funding of up to sixty-eight thousand five hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$68,578.00), in Fiscal Year 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia that the County Administrator is authorized to execute the grant application for this equipment.

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2026.

Motion:

Second:

Recorded Vote:

Steve Catalano _____

Marie C. Durrer _____

Tim Goolsby _____

Matthew Hartung _____

Davis Lamb _____

Steve Catalano, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors