

Spring 2026 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) Grant

Board of Supervisors | March 10, 2026

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Brief History

- ↵ Greene County EMS (GCEMS) began operation in October 2020 after the contract provider announced its intent to terminate the contract in April 2020. By that time, the volunteer squad had already told the BOS it could not meet staffing needs. The BOS voted unanimously to create a career EMS agency to meet the needs of Greene County.
- ↵ Public safety (EMS, GCSO, and Fire) is the largest component of the County's budget outside of the school system. The best way to leverage taxpayer dollars is to find grants for expensive equipment necessary for patient care.
- ↵ We have received \$654,172.81 in grant funds for EMS since 1/1/2023 and we've matched using the Local Assistance Tribal and State Funds identified for grant matches, using ARPA funds for the ambulance, the Opioid Abatement Settlement funds, and Proffer funding.



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GCEMS Statistics

- ↴ Hospital travel may take more than 36 minutes (depending on time of day) after getting a patient on board.
- ↴ The average time a truck is out of service due to being on calls is roughly 1 hour, 8 minutes, 2 seconds.
- ↴ In 2024, GCEMS answered 175 chest pain and cardiac calls, standing at 5% of the entire Thomas Jefferson EMS region.
- ↴ In calendar year 2025, GCEMS answered 3,177 calls for service with 67% being Advanced Life Support calls.

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Request:

- ↴ Two new Power Pro Stretchers at \$39,314.00 each & two Electric Stair Chairs at \$17,652.00 each.
- ↴ Grant will require a 50% match. It is unknown if we will be awarded the full ask.
- ↴ The Grant does not cover the required accessories for the operation of the equipment, which would cost \$11,612.00 for the four pieces of equipment.
- ↴ Maximum required match will be \$68,578.00. Matching funds may come from reserve balance, the Opioid Abatement Settlement funds, and other unobligated funds. We do not need to know that until we receive an award letter in July.
- ↴ **Cost analysis:**
 - ↵ These devices have a lifecycle of roughly 7-8 years. The cost per County resident for the Power Pro Stretchers is \$0.47 annually for eight years without a grant, but **\$0.26** per resident annually for the eight years with the 50-50 grant. The cost per County resident for two Electric Stair Chairs is \$0.24 annually for eight years without a grant, but **\$0.14** with the 50-50 grant. Or approximately **\$3.20** for each resident for these two devices and the needed accessories for the full eight years.