

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Grant Award – Rural Health Transformation Program Mobile Integrated Grant

PRESENTER: Jimmy Brissie

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1) Award Letter & Project Budget

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

During May 2026, the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (NCOEMS) announced the availability of funding for community EMS systems under the NC Rural Health Transformation Program. After discussions with staff and NCOEMS, Henderson County EMS submitted a grant application to expand the current Community Paramedic program to increase availability for the community. The grant submission included the purchase of an additional Community Paramedic (CP) vehicle and equipment, as well as the addition of one (1) Community Paramedic position. The addition of this CP position will allow the program to expand to seven-day-a-week availability.

On June 8th, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services notified Henderson County EMS that it would be receiving a \$220,205 grant in support of the program. Staff are requesting that the Board approve the receipt of this grant and authorize the additional expenditures associated with it. Expenditures include the addition of one (1) Community Paramedic Project Position and the purchase and upfit of an SUV, along with related supplies and equipment for the position.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to authorize the receipt of the NCDHHS Office of Emergency Medical Services Mobile Integrated Health grant in the amount of \$220,205, and to authorize staff to execute all necessary documents required for acceptance of the grant, including any associated budget amendments necessary to support the related expenditures.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board authorize the receipt of the NCDHHS Office of Emergency Medical Services Mobile Integrated Health grant in the amount of \$220,205, and to authorize staff to execute all necessary documents required for acceptance of the grant, including any associated budget amendments necessary to support the related expenditures.



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Jimmy Brissie, Public Safety Director & Mike Barnett, EMS Manager
County of Henderson
1 Historic Courthouse Square
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Subject: Award Notification – Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Mobile Integrated Health Grant

On behalf of the North Carolina Office of EMS, I am pleased to inform you that County of Henderson has been selected to receive funding through the RHTP Mobile Integrated Health Grant.

Following a competitive review process, your application was identified as a strong proposal that demonstrates a commitment to establishing or expanding MIH/CP programs to increase access to MOUD, strengthen behavioral health crisis response, and integrate services into rural care systems within your community. We appreciate the time, effort, and thoughtful planning invested in developing your application.

We are pleased to award County of Henderson grant funding in the amount of **\$220,205.00**.

Additional information regarding award administration, reporting requirements, reimbursement procedures, and project timelines will be provided separately.

We congratulate your agency on this achievement and thank you for your continued dedication to serving the residents of your community. We look forward to partnering with you as you implement this important work and contribute to the goals of the Rural Health Transformation Program.

Sincerely,

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Tom Mitchell, Chief, NCOEMS
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Dr. Tripp Winslow, State Medical Director, NCOEMS

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TABLE 1: BUDGET ACTIVITES

Budget Activity	Cost Category	Total
Workforce Development & Staffing		
1- Community Paramedic with benefits/overtime	Direct Service Personnel	\$ 135,295.00
	Program & Administrative Support	\$ -
	Recruitment & Retention Strategies	\$ -
	Category Total:	\$ 135,295.00
Operational & Capital Infrastructure		
	Facility	\$ -
1- Mid-Full Size SUV with upfit costs	Vehicles	\$ 83,810.00
	Category Total:	\$ 83,810.00
Clinical Equipment & Resources		
	Medical Equipment	\$ -
	Medication & Clinical Supplies	\$ -
	Uniforms & Identification	\$ -
	Category Total:	\$ -
Data Systems, Technology, & Connectivity		
	Mobile Connectivity	\$ -
	Telehealth Equipment & Hardware	\$ -
Portable VHF Radio	Communication Devices & Platforms	\$ 1,100.00
	Documentation Platforms	\$ -
	Category Total:	\$ 1,100.00
Training & Professional Development		
	Initial Staff Training	\$ -
	Continuing Education	\$ -
	Category Total:	\$ -
Provider Fees & Patient Treatment Access		
	Treatment Provider Partnerships	\$ -
	Telehealth Access	\$ -
	Healthcare Access Expansion Strategies	\$ -
	Patient Support Strategies	\$ -
	Category Total:	\$ -

TABLE 2: SUMMARY TABLE

Budget Activity	Total
Workforce Development & Staffing	\$ 135,295.00
Operational & Capital Infrastructure	\$ 83,810.00
Clinical Equipment & Resources	\$ -
Data Systems, Technology, & Connectivity	\$ 1,100.00
Training & Professional Development	\$ -
Provider Fees & Patient Treatment Access	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 220,205.00