

RESOLUTION NO. 21-72

ESTABLISHING THE OZAUKEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GRANTS PROGRAM FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the provision of fire and emergency medical services in Ozaukee County is a base level expectation of all citizens and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, historically nine municipal fire and emergency medical services departments have steadfastly provided protection to the public when fire or medical events impact their lives, relying primarily on a paid-on-call or volunteer staffing model; and

WHEREAS, requests for emergency medical services constitute eighty percent of calls for service from the municipal fire and emergency medical services departments countywide; and

WHEREAS, requests for emergency medical services by senior age populations in Ozaukee County encompass more than other age groups and demographic projections anticipate nearly 34% growth in the senior populations from 2020-2040; and

WHEREAS, increasing demand for emergency medical services and the unsustainability in the paid-on-call or volunteer staffing model result in one Ozaukee County community with a response time under the State of Wisconsin average response time of eight minutes and six seconds and some with times in excess of fourteen minutes; and

WHEREAS, a recent analysis of the provision of fire and emergency medical services in Ozaukee County by the Wisconsin Policy Forum revealed,

1. The primary weakness that must be immediately addressed in Ozaukee County pertains to EMS response, as opposed to fire response.
2. If policymakers wish to consider options to move toward full-time staffing models and achieve service levels approaching those of the North Shore Fire Department, then they would be served best from both a financial and programmatic perspective by doing so collaboratively as opposed to individually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the designation of \$5,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 funds be allocated to Ozaukee County to assist participating local municipalities to recruit and retain up to eighteen Fire Paramedic positions countywide establishing the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program is established with the following grant terms:

1. Municipalities operating a fire and emergency medical services department may apply for a three-year grant of \$200,000 per year to recruit and retain Fire Paramedic positions in their municipality; and
2. Municipalities applying for the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program that submit applications with an agreement to consolidate services with another municipality are eligible for \$100,000 per year per each consolidating municipality; and

3. If three or more municipalities applying for the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program consolidate services with three or more municipalities capital awards can be applied for up to \$100,000 per municipality; and
4. Municipalities must provide a budget narrative demonstrating how the Fire Paramedic positions recruited will improve the response times for the municipal EMS services; and
5. Municipalities must provide information on the current personnel and operating budget expenses and revenues, current budget restraints, current fire and EMS community responding statistics, call volumes; and
6. Municipalities must identify matching funds contributed by the municipality or municipalities that will be used to recruit and retain Fire Paramedic positions under the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program; and
7. Municipalities must provide a sustainability plan including;
 - a. Analysis of all associated fees, assessments, taxes, etc. and the best possible formula for cost recovery; and
 - b. Identify revenue sources for consideration, municipal levy limit impact and alternative revenue sources, and any requested ongoing county property tax levy support; and
 - c. Develop a projected integrated budget for applications consolidating one or more consolidating municipality; and
8. All participating municipal government(s) must approve a sustainability plan before May 1, 2023 to continue funding under the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program to remain eligible for ongoing funding under the program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator and County Sheriff to develop a grant application process for the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program with a goal of recruiting and retaining up to eighteen Fire Paramedic positions countywide with the oversight of the Ozaukee County Public Safety Committee to review the submitted grant applications and approve requests satisfying grant terms; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all grants approved and funding amounts awarded under the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program will be reported to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors when approved by the Ozaukee County Public Safety Committee; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator and County Sheriff to enter into Memorandums of Understanding with participating local municipalities awarding funds under the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program with the oversight of the Ozaukee County Public Safety Committee.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all participating municipal government(s) in the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program must report, by March 1, 2024, the impact of the funding on:

1. EMS staffing levels per day from December 1, 2021 until December 31, 2023; and
2. EMS community responding statistics and call volumes from December 1, 2021 until December 31, 2023; and
3. Operating budget expenses and revenues from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2023; and
4. All efforts and funding allocated to the sustainability plan as approved by the

participating municipal government.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 6th day of April 2022.

SUMMARY: Establishing the Ozaukee County Emergency Medical Services Grants Program from American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

VOTE REQUIRED: Two Thirds Members Elect

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: R. Nelson, Supervisor District 6

SECONDER: K. Geracie, Supervisor District 15

AYES: Schlenvogt, Melotik, Geracie, Nelson, Jobs, Grabow

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TWO-THIRDS VOTE MEMBERS ELECT

 **Passed With 17 Yes Votes Neede**

Winker	M	YES
Haas	S	YES
Jobs		YES
Schlenvogt		YES
Clark		YES
Nelson		YES
Becker		YES
Larson		YES
Grabow		YES
Melotik		YES
Wolf		YES
Richart		YES
Vacant		ABSENT

Rishel		YES
Geracie		YES
Whitworth		YES
Irish	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Stelter		YES
Ross		YES
Godden		YES
Strom		EXCUSED
Holyoke		YES
Henrichs		YES
Braverman		YES
Frohman		EXCUSED
Minkel-Dumit		YES