

CENTRAL LYON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGENDA REPORT

Board Meeting Date: October 8, 2026

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Lyon County Rural Health Transformation EMS Grant

Prepared By: Fire Chief

Requested Action: Staff requests the Fire Board review, discuss, and approve Central Lyon County Fire Protection District's participation in the Lyon County Rural Health Transformation EMS Grant and authorize the Fire Chief to proceed with implementation and execute necessary grant-related documents within the Fire Chief's authority.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lyon County has received a \$4,289,351 Rural Health Transformation Program EMS grant for the current grant period ending August 30, 2027. The award requires no local matching funds during the current grant period. Central Lyon's allocation includes funding for three single-role EMT/Paramedic positions, one Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) ambulance, a Quick Response Vehicle (QRV), and substantial EMS equipment and supplies. The grant also supports implementation of ProQA priority dispatch and a countywide assessment of ambulance billing practices.

The grant provides Central Lyon an opportunity to expand EMS capacity and develop a Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine (MIH/CP) program intended to provide an appropriate response to certain non-emergent and lower-acuity patients while improving the availability of existing fire and EMS resources for higher-acuity emergencies.

Staff recommends accepting the grant and beginning development and implementation of the MIH/CP program. However, the District intends to defer hiring the three grant-funded single-role EMT/Paramedic positions until later in the grant period. This will allow the District additional time to establish the required clinical, regulatory, operational, dispatch, referral, documentation, and policy framework and determine the most effective staffing and deployment model before adding personnel.

BACKGROUND

Central Lyon currently utilizes single-role Paramedics; however, MIH/Community Paramedicine represents a new service-delivery model for the District. Implementation will require coordination with Lyon County, the Nevada Health Authority, medical direction, labor, dispatch, healthcare providers, and other community partners. Requirements include development of appropriate personnel policies, job descriptions, operational and clinical protocols, referral workflows, documentation processes, and applicable Nevada Community Paramedicine endorsements.

The grant-funded personnel are intended primarily to support MIH/CP and appropriate non-emergent and lower-acuity responses. Staff will continue working with Lyon County and the Nevada Health Authority to clarify the appropriate use of grant-funded personnel for traditional 911 response and transport while maintaining compliance with grant requirements.

Deferring hiring provides the District an opportunity to develop the MIH/CP infrastructure and operating model before committing personnel to the program. Staff will also continue discussions with IAFF Local 4728 regarding implementation and any applicable collective bargaining obligations.

The three positions will be expressly identified as grant-dependent positions. Acceptance of the grant will not create a commitment or expectation that these positions will become permanent District-funded positions when grant funding ends.

FISCAL IMPACT

The current grant award requires no local matching funds and provides funding for the three additional single-role EMT/Paramedic positions during the funded period. The District will also receive significant capital

equipment, including an MIH ambulance, QRV, cardiac monitors, mechanical chest compression devices, motorized stretchers, radios, MDTs, medical supplies, and medication inventory equipment.

The principal long-term financial consideration is that grant funding beyond the current award period is not guaranteed. If continuation funding is not received, the Board would determine whether to discontinue the grant-funded positions, identify an alternative funding source, or fund some portion of the program with District resources.

Deferring hiring until later in the grant period further limits the District's immediate personnel exposure while allowing staff to develop and evaluate the program before the positions are filled.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Fire Board approve Central Lyon County Fire Protection District's participation in and acceptance of the Lyon County Rural Health Transformation EMS Grant and authorize the Fire Chief to proceed with implementation and execute necessary grant-related documents within the Fire Chief's authority.

Acceptance will include development of the MIH/Community Paramedicine program and receipt and implementation of applicable grant-funded vehicles, equipment, technology, and other resources. Hiring of the three grant-funded single-role EMT/Paramedic positions will be deferred until later in the grant period while staff completes program development and evaluates the appropriate staffing and deployment model.

The grant-funded positions will remain contingent upon available grant funding and will not constitute a commitment by the District to continue funding the positions after grant funding ends.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Lyon County Rural Health Transformation EMS Grant – Central Lyon Fire Impacts
2. Applicable Subaward/Grant Agreement