

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
May 19, 2026	5.f

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo, and City Councilors

FROM: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

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ISSUE: Approval to Apply for Oregon Rural Healthcare Transformation Grant to Acquire EMS Vehicle and Equipment

SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting Council support and approval to apply for Oregon Rural Healthcare Transformation Grant Program for the purchase of EMS vehicle and equipment. Staff will share findings on benefits of having access to an additional EMS vehicle for the Coos Bay community and for potential supports outside the area.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, approve staff applying for the Oregon Rural Healthcare Transformation grant, allowing for purchase of EMS vehicle and equipment.

BACKGROUND:

For several months Staff have been researching solutions to the ongoing challenge of timely EMS response, medical support of citizens, and safe transport to higher-level medical attention. Additionally, we have a strong team of highly qualified EMS professionals who have been engaged in larger area supports during wildfire season. We have done some background research and find that we may be best staged with additional EMS vehicle and equipment to supplement local response and provide additional layer of support in wildfire emergencies. Staff will present information gathered and feedback received from other communities in Oregon who have a very similar model.

The intention with this shared information, and larger discussion, would be to apply for Oregon Rural Healthcare Transformation Grant for financial support to purchase EMS vehicle and equipment. While an application has been started, we would like approval to finalize some of the more detailed areas and submit. The deadline for application submission is May 26, 2026.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

With grant award, an amended budget will be processed during a future meeting which will require adoption of a resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):