

Emergency Communications: Emergency Medical Services **FY2002 Request:** **\$341,600**
Reference No: **33443**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Equipment
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Larry Streuber
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

EMS ambulance and first responder personnel need adequate, reliable emergency communications systems to provide effective life-saving services. In some areas there is no EMS communications coverage whatsoever. In other areas, two-way radio systems are old and breaking down with increasing frequency. This project will target needs for enhanced EMS communications for volunteer ambulance and first responder services in areas with the greatest documented needs, based on a comprehensive statewide EMS communications plan (completed in September 1997). Under a community facility grant program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, these funds qualify for a 25% match, which would go directly to the local EMS agencies.

Funding:	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
Gen Fund	\$341,600	\$341,600	\$341,600				\$1,024,800
Total:	\$341,600	\$341,600	\$341,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,024,800

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH50/SLA97/P4/L14 \$200,000 GF
 CH139/SLA98/P51/L11 \$311,600 GF
 CH135/SLA00/P14/L19 241,600 AHFC Corporate Dividends

Project Description/Justification:

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Under a community facility grant program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, these funds qualify for a 25% match, which would go directly to the local EMS agencies. Therefore, \$341,600 could be used for match to help EMS squads in rural communities to receive up to \$1,024,800 in federal grant funds.

All EMS radios statewide must meet FCC narrow band frequency requirements by December 31, 2004. Three years ago we projected a six-year project funding need of \$341,600 per year for six years, for a total of \$2,049,600, to upgrade the existing system and to fill in gaps in coverage throughout the state.