



CONFIRE

STAFF REPORT

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TO: CONFIRE Administrative Committee

SUBJECT: Application for the United States Department of Transportation Grant Program

Recommendation

Authorize staff to apply for the U.S. Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program.

Background Information

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, provides funding to support regional, local, and Tribal initiatives aimed at preventing roadway deaths and serious injuries through a “Safe System Approach”.

CONFIRE has been evaluating opportunities to enhance public safety response and reduce unnecessary emergency medical transports through its Emergency Communications Nurse System (ECNS) program. The ECNS program aligns with SS4A program objectives by improving call triage, directing low-acuity 911 calls to appropriate care pathways, and reducing non-essential ambulance dispatches that contribute to roadway congestion and risk exposure.

The FY 2026 SS4A funding cycle presents an opportunity for CONFIRE to secure federal funding to expand and enhance ECNS capabilities, integrate data-driven safety interventions, and collaborate with regional partners to improve overall system efficiency and safety outcomes. The grant application is due on May 26, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with submitting the grant application.

If awarded, the grant may provide significant external funding to support and expand ECNS and related safety initiatives. Any required matching funds or long-term financial commitments will be presented to the Board for approval prior to acceptance of the grant.