

**Staff Report**

**Subject:** FY2026 EMS Trauma-Related Equipment Grant Application  
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**Meeting Date:** 12/2/2025  
**Item Description:** Consideration to approve the application for the FY2026 EMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant provided by the Georgia Trauma Commission.

**Summary Recommendation:**

Staff requests ECTOC's approval to apply for the FY2026 EMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant to secure funding for trauma-related equipment essential for improving EMS response capabilities.

**Executive Summary:**

The Georgia Trauma Commission provides annual funding to support trauma-related equipment needs for 911-zone EMS agencies across Georgia. Each agency's allocation is based on its reported number of peak-staffed ambulances. Funding must be used solely for the purchase or reimbursement of approved trauma-care equipment, as outlined in the FY2026 Approved Equipment List.

For FY2026, Effingham County EMS is eligible to receive \$10,662.66, based on six reported peak-staffed ambulances at a funding rate of \$1,777.11 per ambulance. This funding supports essential trauma-response equipment purchases without impacting the County's general fund.

This funding opportunity aligns with Effingham County's commitment to public safety and enhances EMS resources without significantly impacting the county budget. Securing this grant will reduce the need for county-funded purchases of essential trauma-related equipment.

**Background:**

The Georgia Trauma Commission's FY2026 EMS Trauma-Related Equipment Grant allocates statewide funding of \$2,015,187.20 for trauma-related EMS equipment. Each 911-zone agency receives funding using a standardized formula:

- Minimum grant amount: \$9,275.50
- Per-unit funding: \$1,777.11 per reported peak-staffed ambulance

**FY2026 Eligible Funding Amount is \$10,662.66****Alternatives for the Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve ECTOC's application for the FY2025 EMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant.
2. Do not approve the application for the EMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant.
3. Provide staff with additional direction.

**Recommended Alternative:**

Staff recommends Alternative 1—Approve the application for the FY2026 EMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant to support the EMS department's equipment needs in the amount of \$10,662.66

**Attachments:**

**FY2026 Grant Award Notice, FY2026 Grant Affidavit, FY2026 Application Checklist, FY2026 Eligible Funding Distribution (Attachment A), FY2026 Approved Equipment List (Attachment B)**