

**City of Sedgwick
City Council Meeting
9/16/26**

TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: CDBG Youth Job Training Grant

INITIATED BY: Administration

AGENDA: New Business

Background: We are seeking funding through the Kansas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Youth Job Training Program to purchase equipment specifically intended for training youth under the age of 21. The goal of the project is to introduce young people to careers in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the broader healthcare field while helping address the ongoing need for qualified EMS providers locally, regionally, and statewide.

Analysis: EMS and healthcare providers continue to face challenges recruiting individuals into the profession. This program is designed to increase the visibility of EMS as a career opportunity and provide youth with meaningful, hands-on exposure to emergency medical care and healthcare careers.

The proposed equipment will allow Fire/EMS staff to provide realistic, interactive training opportunities for youth and demonstrate the skills, technology, and equipment used by EMS professionals. The program will focus on CPR, emergency medical care, airway management, trauma care, patient assessment, vascular access, patient transport, and other foundational healthcare skills.

Equipment included in the project will consist of:

- CPR/AED, IV, birthing, and airway-management mannequins
- CPR, AED, and First Aid training equipment
- Fire/EMS emergency medical teaching supplies
- Airway-management training and teaching technology
- IV training equipment
- Medical simulation equipment and simulators
- Transport ventilator
- EMT casualty kit
- Trauma training kits

The equipment will provide the Fire/EMS staff with a reusable training resource that can be incorporated into youth job-training activities, demonstrations, educational programs, and career-exploration opportunities. By allowing participants to experience EMS equipment and procedures firsthand, the program is intended to increase awareness of EMS and healthcare careers and encourage youth to consider these fields as future employment opportunities.

Financial Considerations: If approved, our local contribution toward the project would be \$8,000. The estimated total project cost is \$77,209 and we are requesting \$69,209 in CDBG funding, representing the majority of the overall project cost.

Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council support the grant application and authorize the pursuit of Kansas CDBG Youth Job Training Program funding for the proposed EMS training equipment. The project provides an opportunity to expose youth to EMS and healthcare careers while investing in equipment that can support future workforce development and help address the shortage of EMS providers at the local, regional, and statewide levels.