

# HB3000 Grant

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The 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature passed HB3000 to establish a grant program which supports ground ambulance services in rural areas. The County is an eligible applicant to apply for \$350,000 in grant funds in order to purchase ambulances, necessary accessories, and modifications to an existing fleet. Grant funds must be expended within five (5) years after receipt of grant monies.

The tentative plan is for the County to apply for grant funds and then enter into an agreement with Waller-Harris ESD#200, the entity which will ultimately utilize the purchased ambulance(s) and accessories. The Comptroller is expected to open the application process on January 1, 2026.

Grant guidance will not be available until later this month, as the public comment period for the proposed grant regulations is open until December 21, 2025. This guidance will inform the procurement process and any required agreements between the County and Waller-Harris ESD#200. More information should be available shortly after the new year.