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## Notice of Grant Opportunity for EMS Trauma Related Equipment

GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission ("GTCNC") would like to say <u>**THANK YOU**</u> for an extremely successful FY 2017 Non-Competitive EMS Trauma Related Equipment Reimbursement Grant. A total of \$1,008,549 in grant funds were distributed to 157 of Georgia's 159 counties.

The GTCNC has re-authorized the Non-Competitive EMS Trauma Related Equipment Reimbursement Grant ("Equipment Grant") for FY 2018. These funds will be used to reimburse Zoned 911 EMS agencies for the purchase of Trauma Related Equipment used to equip 911 ambulances. The total amount of funds available to be awarded statewide for FY 2018 is \$1,376,283. The actual reimbursement will be based the total number of 911 ambulances per agency. It is anticipated that there will be 1,281 eligible ambulances or reimbursement up to \$1,074.38 per ambulance.

Attached please find the following documents:

Attachment A - Grant Application Attachment B - Instructions for the required notarized affidavit. Attachment C - Approved equipment lists. Attachment D - Estimated awards by Region/Service.

The deadline to submit completed applications for reimbursement is on or before March 9, 2018. Applications received after this date will be returned to the sender. Completed applications must be mailed or delivered to:

FY 2018 EMS Equipment Grant Georgia Trauma Commission 410 Chickamauga Ave, Suite 332 Rossville, Georgia 30741 The purpose of the FY 2018 EMS Equipment Grant is to reimburse EMS Agencies for equipment purchased from the approved equipment lists found in Attachment C. In the event that an EMS Agency would like to use grant funds for the reimbursement of equipment not found in Attachment C, the agency must obtain **Prior Approval** from the GTCNC before submitting its application. To request prior approval, please email your request on agency letterhead to **gtcbusinessops@gtcnc.org**, providing answers to the following:

- 1. Provide a list/description of the equipment desired for approval.
- 2. Provide an estimated cost.
- 3. Explain why the desired equipment will improve the overall care of trauma patients in your community.

All requests for off-list prior approvals will be forwarded to the GTCNC's EMS Subcommittee for approval. These requests may take longer to process than purchasing items from the already approved list.

Attachment D provided gives a list of EMS agencies and anticipated award amounts by Region. This list has been reviewed and confirmed by the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma. If you see a discrepancy in the amount of 911 ambulances for your agency, please let us know.

In an effort to be more efficient and make timely for reimbursements payments to our Grantees, the GTCNC strongly encourages the use of ACH. Our policy mirrors the State Accounting Office policy regarding ACH payments. Please contact us if there are any questions about ACH payments.

We look forward to serving the EMS community with this grant opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the GTCNC office at 706-841-2800.

Sincerely,

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