MEMORANDUM

To: **Ruth Parris**
From: **Tom Blackwell**
Cc: **Jason Martin**
RE: **EMS-Grant in Aid**
Date: **October 28, 2026**

Ruth, thank you for providing the annual Department of Public Health EMS-Grant in Aid appropriation. The allocated funding amount of $35,130.54 will be used to improve and upgrade Greenville County EMS by the planned purchase of equipment and supplies that upgrades our service to "Pediatric Readiness" status. This program is a multi-phase quality improvement initiative designed to ensure emergency departments and prehospital EMS agencies have the right equipment, training, and policies to care for children when unexpected injuries or illnesses occur. While Greenville County EMS has much of the required cache, the following are needed and will be purchased so that the department is considered compliant:

1. Pediatric immobilization device for all ambulances.
2. Pediatric warming devices (mattresses) for all ambulances.
3. Additional pediatric medical supplies.
4. Employee pediatric emergency care training.

Let me know if you need further information. Thank you for your assistance.

Contract ID:

10/16/2026 2027EGIA23

Attention: Greenville County Administrator

301 University Rdg, Suite N-4000 Greenville, SC 29601

Re: EMS-Grant in Aid (GIA) Funds SFY2027

Dear Joe Kernell

The South Carolina Department of Public Health ("DPH") distributes state appropriated EMS funds in accordance with Section 31.7 of the Part IB Provisos of the 2026-2027 Appropriations Act. The funds must be utilized as outlined in this document and for the purpose of improving and upgrading the Emergency Medical Services system throughout the state. The monies allocated to the Counties are for the purpose of improving or upgrading the local EMS system through the licensed ambulance services. The funds are allocated in accordance with the following methodology or formula: 50% of the funds appropriated will be allocated equally among the 46 counties in SC and the remaining 50% will be allocated based on the proportion of the population in each county

Greenville County's allocation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is determined to be $33,198.36

Disbursement of these funds will take place once we receive the signed agreement. No funds shall be disbursed to organizations or purposes which practice discrimination against persons by virtue of race, creed, color, or national origin.

In addition to these requirements, Proviso 31.7 allows local matching funds to be provided by the recipients of the allocations. In order to meet these requirements, we will need the following:

1. Documentation that the receiving party meets the 5.5% matching amount and a description of the local matching funds.

Please remember to timely submit such information to DPH should your organization receive EMS funds.

It is preferred that the above documentation be sent electronically to EMSGIA@DPH.SC.GOV. If that is not feasible, please mail to Kyndal Baisa, Grant in Aid, DPH Bureau of EMS, PO Box 101106, Columbia, SC 29211.

Please contact Kyndal Baisa at (803) 545-4120 or email at EMSGIA@DPH.SC.GOV if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Gwen Thompson

Deputy Director of Healthcare Quality

I agree to maintain records that document the use of funds received. I agree to allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited the funds.

I am a representative of Greenville county authorized to legally commit this organization.

Joseph Kernell

(Printed Name Authorized Party)

Joseph Kernell
10/16/2026, 10:18:02 AM

E-Signature

August 19, 2026

To whom it may concern:

DPH has multiple EMS/Trauma distribution invoices that are due to the regions, counties, and trauma centers. Every year, these entities receive funds from the Legislature through two provisos, 31.7 (Emergency Medical Services) & 31.21 (South Carolina State Trauma Care Fund), and some quarter percent funding from insurance. These funds are required to run the four Regional EMS offices that perform most of the EMS training in the State as well as provide counties with funds for improving and upgrading the EMS system through licensed ambulance services. Some of these entities and councils are having to dip into their contingency funds to operate. DPH must release these funds quickly so they can continue to train EMS personnel. Their work is vital to the citizens of South Carolina.

We respectfully ask that you process these as z-special so that we can release payment to the vendors immediately after the processed distribution invoices are audited and approved by State CGO.

Sincerely,



Darbi Church, MHA

Chief Finance and Operations Officer

SC Department of Public Health

FUNDING STREAM FOR: EMS - GRANT IN AID AGREEMENTS SFY - 2027

COST CENTER: J0603EC00X

FUNCTIONAL AREA: J060_3200

FUND: 10010000

GRANT: Not Relevant

GL Code: 5180210000

VENDOR NUMBER: 7000160186