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Colorado Department of Health and Environment
Emergency Medical and Trauma Section
EMTS Provider Grants Program
4300 Cherry Creek South
Denver, Colorado 80246

Re: Letter of Support of Eagle County Paramedic Services for EMTS Grant

To Whom It May Concern;

We are writing in support of Eagle County Health Services District d/b/a Eagle County Paramedic Services (ECPS) with regard to their application for grant funding under the EMTS Provider Grant Program. ECPS has a long history of providing cutting-edge and excellent services to the residents and visitors of Eagle County. ECPS has always strived to be leaders in EMS, critical care transport, injury prevention, and community paramedic programs. Through their various programs, they have touched many lives and saved many patients. ECPS is an extremely well regarded agency in our community and helps drive many initiatives to make the lives of our citizens and visitors better. ECPS is recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) as meeting and exceeding their stringent standards.

Like many EMS agencies in the State of Colorado, ECPS has seen financial difficulties rising from a number of factors including loss of revenues from property values, un/under employment, insurance reimbursement and effects of the Affordable Care Act. These factors have strained the ability of ECPS to fully fund its programs and in particular capital funding to replace ambulances. This is the first time that ECPS has sought EMTS Provider Grant Funding as a solo agency. Eagle County, through its DMV fees, has contributed a significant amount of funding to this grant program since its inception.

We urge the support of the ECPS grant request to acquire much needed capital equipment including ambulances, communications equipment and durable medical equipment. This grant will serve the community well and support the ECPS mission.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

Jeanne McQueeney

Commissioner

Jill H. Ryan

Commissioner