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Colorado Department of Public 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) application for funding under the EMTS Provider Grant Program. ECPS has a long history of providing cutting-edge services to the residents and visitors of Eagle County. ECPS has always strived to be a leader in EMS, critical care transport, injury prevention, and community paramedic programs. Through their excellent 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 residents 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 arising from a number of factors including loss of revenues from declining 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 capital needs, particularly ambulance replacement. 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 the introduction of this grant program.

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,

Eagle County Board of Commissioners

Jeanne McQueeney

Chair

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Commissioner