

IGA – FIRE AGENCY -- DEFINITIONS

- 1.8 “System Enhancement” means any of the following, in such proportion as is determined by the County after consideration of priority recommendations made by the Participating Agencies: reduction of rates for ambulance service, hardship relief for customers unable to pay ambulance service bills, emergency medical equipment, emergency medical service-related education, and emergency medical service-related research and development.

GOALS ADOPTED BY EMS COUNCIL

1. Integration
 - a. Extend benefits of integration to east county
 - b. Integrate City of Gladstone into urban response system
2. Coordination

Increase coordination between ambulance service providers
3. Dispatch
 - a. Dispatch agencies standardize emergency dispatching protocols countywide to provide a standardized response
 - b. Make interoperability a priority consideration as system upgrades occur
 - c. Implement improved resource tracking
4. Data
 - a. Develop a unique identifier for patient tracking
 - b. Develop a uniform set of data points to be collected by all providers
 - c. Increase availability of hospital outcome data for research and system evaluation
 - d. County should develop a countywide EMS data warehouse
5. Coordination of Training

Develop a plan to provide standardized and joint training
6. Single Medical Authority
 - a. Long term: single County EMS Medical Director
 - b. Develop single medical authority through EPAB
7. System Enhancement Funding

System enhancement funds should be used to support goals 1-6.

EVALUATION OF REQUESTS FOR SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

1. Identify how proposal will benefit EMS providers within the county
2. Identify the start date and date at which proposal is reevaluated for performance
3. How will the proposal improve the quality and delivery of services to patients?
4. To what degree or to what extent will the proposal will improve the delivery of services.
5. Are alternative funds available to fund the proposal?
6. What is the impact of not funding the proposal?
7. How critical is the need addressed in the proposal meet? Is it a "nice to meet" or a "must meet" type of need?
8. Are the proposed costs reasonable?
9. Are there less expensive methods of meeting the need identified in the proposal?
10. What are the deliverables?
11. What are the measures of success?
12. What are the timelines?
13. How will the improvement be sustained?
14. Which goals for system improvement does the proposal support?
15. How will reporting requirements, performance & financial, be met?