

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michael Guthrie, Interim Director
Cannon Falls Ambulance

SUBJECT: Approve Purchase of EMS Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators

DATE: December 5, 2014

BACKGROUND

The Cannon Falls Ambulance Service received a charitable grant of up to \$25,000.00 from the Minnesota Mission: Lifeline EMS Equipment Grant Program, which was accepted by the Council on July 15th of this year. In order to maintain consistency of patient care when utilizing this type of technical equipment, particularly in high stress situations such as cardiac arrests, we would prefer to have identical types of equipment on each of the ambulances. In this way, supplies are the same, where items are located when someone reaches for them are the same, buttons are in the same place, etc. In this manner, we feel that it is easier to train and maintain skill levels for situations that are not encountered on a daily basis. In addition, having similar monitors makes the purchasing and restocking of supplies easier, as there is one brand, rather than multiples, that needs to be purchased and re-stocked.

The \$25,000.00 grant would pay for one monitor and partially pay for a second. The remaining cost, amounting to \$18,000.00, would need to be covered by the City. There would also need to be provision to replace the monitor that is in the third ambulance, and it would be our suggestion that a new monitor be a part of the bid process for that ambulance replacement. Grant pricing is only available until February 5, 2015.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of purchase of two Physio-Control Lifepack 15 Monitor/Defibrillators at a total cost of \$43,000- \$25,000 of which will come from the Minnesota Mission: Lifeline EMS Equipment Grant Program.

The third monitor should also be replaced and it is recommended that be an inclusion in a new ambulance purchase in 2015- no action requested at this time.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

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