

Grant Title/Project Name:	LCRA Grant- EMS Swift Water Rescue Boat
Department:	EMS
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Start Date:	7/21/2025
End Date:	7/31/2025
Please select request category:	Asset, \$39,298.64
Describe the purpose of the grant in detail to include all requirements.	<p>Twice a year LCRA awards up to \$50,000 for capital improvement projects that benefit an entire community. A few of the program areas that are eligible are fire departments, recreation, community planning, education, public safety lifesaving equipment, and an organization or project affected by a disaster.</p> <p>Williamson County EMS intends to apply for grant to purchase a Swift Water Rescue Boat. EMS currently has 14 staff trained in swift water rescue and often assists the Sheriff's office in emergency situations. Having an additional boat within the county would bolster preparedness and provide for quicker response.</p> <p>Requirements of the grant include a 20% match for amounts great than \$5,000. The entity/community applying must be within a LCRA service area. The deadline for grant applications is July 31, 2025.</p>
Select the type of grant your department is applying for:	Local
What is the amount of the grant?	\$39,298.64
Please provide a breakdown of the total cost above.	ZODIAC FC420 LSRF 21,850.00 TOHATSU 30 HP OB 4,495.00 GALVANIZED TRAILER 3,590.00 STYPLREOPULSION KIT 189.00 TRANSOM SAVER 40 75.00 FUEL TANK, 6 GALLON 165.00 TRAILER TONGUE BOX 595.00 WICNCH BRIDLE 180.00 TIE DOWN STRAPS 75.00 CUSTOM LETTERING 395.00 ANTI FATIGUE MATTING 425.00 COWLING GRAB HANDLE 495.00 TRI-LABOR1 775.00 FREIGHT 685.00 Sub Total 33,989.00 Personal Protective Gear x 5 = 5,309.64 TOTAL: 39,298.64
Is there a match requirement?	Yes
What is the source of the match?	WCEMS will provide the funding from existing funds to cover the County's obligation.
Does the grant cover the cost of the request 100%?	Yes
If not, how much is left unpaid?	\$7,859.73
What is the plan to obtain grants/funds for the remaining amount?	EMS will apply for the LCRA grant with the approval of the Commissioner's Court.

List other similar assets in the County and/or region and if they are available for use?	
How is this asset request different from any similar assets currently in the County and/or region?	
What types of events/purpose would this asset be used for that cannot be accomplished with a current County asset?	
How often do these events occur?	
Identify the number of personnel required to operate this asset and/or be available for the function where it is to be used? How much time is required of those personnel? What is the cost of the personnel?	
Where will the asset be stored?	
What is the useful life of the asset?	
Will a replacement be requested from general funds when useful life has been exhausted?	
Will other agencies be billed for the use of this asset (e.g. vendors paid, employee worked hours and paid, inventory costs etc.)?	
Does this asset require insurance coverage?	
If yes, what is the estimate of asset insurance coverage?	
Will this asset require on-going maintenance? Please describe the maintenance required along with an estimate for these costs.	
How will this asset be funded when the grant ends?	
What is the impact if the grant is not received?	
New Personnel position is:	
Where will this position office?	
Who will this position report to?	
What tasks will this position perform? Include the five primary functions and the percentage of time spent to be spent on each function.	
Will this position take over tasks from current County employee?	
If yes, please explain the impact to current employee.	
How will this position be funded when the grant ends?	
Does this position or a similar position currently exist within the department?	
If yes, how many of these similar positions exist?	

Describe any alternatives considered to achieve desired outcome in lieu of a position (i.e. equipment, software, technology or change in business practice).	
Describe how workload will be accomplished/re-allocated should grant not be approved.	
List other similar items in the County and/or region and if they are available for use?	The Sheriff's office has two swift water boats, however during an emergency it is not uncommon to have a need for six or more boats. EMS staff trained in swift water rescue have been supplementing the Sheriff's office and aiding in swift water rescue for the last 20 years.
How is this item request different from any similar assets currently in the County and/or region?	This request would add an additional swift water rescue boat to the County and will be a force multiplier in the event of any water rescue scenario.
What types of events/purpose would this item be used for that cannot be accomplished with a current County asset?	Even moderate flooding events can require multiple resources at one time; this swift water rescue boat would provide more coverage within the County and dramatically reduced response time and increase coverage area for rescues.
Identify the number of personnel required to operate this item and/or be available for the function where it is to be used?	EMS currently has 14 staff members trained in swift water rescue.
Please explain how this item will create the need for more or less personnel (or mark n/a for no change)?	N/A
Where will the item be stored?	It will be stored under protected cover at the EMS Administration and Training Facility at 3189 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown, TX.
What is the useful life of the item?	The inflatable part of the boat is the most vulnerable but should last 4-8 years. The remaining parts of the boat to include motor and trailer have a longer life expectancy of 10+ years.
Will other agencies be billed for the use of this item (e.g. vendors paid, employee worked hours and paid, inventory costs etc.)?	
Does this item require insurance coverage?	Yes
Will this item require any form of licensing?	No
Will this item require on-going maintenance? Please describe the maintenance required along with an estimate for these costs?	Bi-annual maintenance to include oil changes, checks on fluids, propeller, transom, batteries, etc. \$750 x 2= \$1,500
How will this item be funded when the grant ends?	EMS can apply for another grant with LCRA or consider absorbing into the EMS general fund.
What is the overall budgetary impact? (i.e. revenue generation, expense reduction, etc.)	The overall budgetary impact is the initial investment of \$6,798 and approximately \$2,400 in maintenance, fuel and insurance costs.
Please identify any additional equipment needed/required (now or in the future) should the grant/asset is awarded.	EMS has the personal protective gear for swift water rescue and will continue to replace that as needed with funding available.
What is the cost and frequency to maintain/update the additional equipment?	Bi-annual maintenance to include oil changes, tune-ups and batteries \$750 x 2= \$1,500
What is the impact of this grant application on other internal/county departments?	N/A
If yes, what is the estimate of that license fee?	The boat trailer requires a license
If yes, what is the estimate of insurance coverage?	Awaiting information from Risk Management

Will a replacement be requested from general funds when useful life has been exhausted? (OR)	No
If yes, how much is the match amount?	20% or \$7,859.73
Please identify any known decrease in funding at this time.	N/A
Is this a new program to your department/office?	Yes
Please provide data points to be collected to show program success	While having a swift water rescue boat dedicated to EMS is a new concept, EMS is not new to swift water rescue and has been working alongside the Sheriff's Department for 20 years. Williamson County EMS is taking proactive steps to participate in EMTF deployments. Having this additional capability along with swift water rescue trained providers will allow us to help regionally and even across the State to help any Texans in need. As mentioned previously, this asset is a force multiplier when disaster strikes.
Please show historical data points or performance measures, statistics, services provided, etc. or any/all updates for re-application	
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