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## Legislation Text

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### **Consideration of a Grant in the amount of \$80,000 for Community Paramedicine Services between Sedgwick County EMS and Via Christi Hospitals, Wichita.**

Recommended Action: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant, the chairman to sign all grant documents, and establish budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request.

**Grant Renewal:** Yes

**Never Applied:** No

**Applied; not awarded:** No

#### **Grant Summary and Timeline:**

Via Christi Hospitals, Wichita, desires to partner with Sedgwick County EMS to assist with Via Christi's congestive heart failure (CHF) and Community Cares Clinics to provide personalized medical care and consultation at certain patients' homes. The initiative is expected to reduce costly emergency and non-emergency 911 calls, hospital visits, and readmissions. Via Christi Hospitals, Wichita, and Ascension Health will provide the funding for 1.0 FTE Community Paramedic position and related training, mileage, and supply costs for the pilot program. The patients who will be enrolled into the program have complex medical diseases and are at high risk for becoming acutely ill and often require ambulance transport and hospital readmission. Programs in other communities such as this one have decreased 911 ambulances calls, hospital visits, and readmissions, and the associated cost for these services.

A similar program in Fort Worth, TX, that served 207 patients saved at least \$7.9 million in ambulance transportation costs, insurance fees, and emergency room expenses over a five-year period that ended in October 2015, according to MedStar Health, the city's ambulance service provider. That's just over \$38,000 per patient.

#### **Financial Considerations:**

Grant period starts: July 1, 2018

Grant period ends: June 30, 2019

##### Source of funding

Grant: \$80,000

Required Match: \$0

Required Cash Match: \$0

Required In-Kind Match: \$0

Other funding: \$0

TOTAL SOURCES \$80,000

##### Uses of funding

Operational costs: \$80,000

Personnel: \$68,107

Contractual services: \$4,750  
Operational supplies: \$7,143  
Equipment: \$0  
Indirect administrative costs: \$0  
Capital projects cost: \$0  
TOTAL USES \$80,000  
Source of matching funds: \$0  
Source of other funding: \$0

**Budget Authority Adjustment:** Additional budget authority in the amount of \$39,999 for 2018 and \$40,001 in 2019 is being requested in 12004-258.

**Personnel considerations:** This grant will provide the funding for 1.0 FTE Community Paramedic position.

**Alternatives:** Do not approve the grant from Via Christi and do not provide Community Paramedicine services to the citizens of Sedgwick County.

**Policy considerations:** N/A

**Legal considerations:** The authority for this action is K.S.A. 19-101, et seq. A simple majority vote is required.