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Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program

HB 3000 (89(R)) established a grant program to support the state purpose of ensuring adequate ground ambulance services by providing financial assistance to qualified rural ambulance service providers in qualified counties.

Qualified County's Eligibility	
Population Less than 10,000	\$500,000
Population between 10,000 and 68,750	\$350,000

Uses of Grant Funds

- A qualified county may use or authorize the user of grant money only to purchase an ambulance, including necessary accessories and modifications
- Proposed Rules provide the following definitions
 - Ambulance: A vehicle registered with the Texas Department of State Health Services as an emergency medical service vehicle excluding watercraft and air ambulances.
 - Accessories: Equipment required for emergency medical service vehicles to provide treatment and transportation of adult, pediatric and neonatal patients as described in TAC.
- *Pending adoption of rules.*

Timeline and Funds Process:

- Must take possession of an ambulance by the fifth anniversary of the receipt of funds.
- County may deposit grant funds in an interest-bearing account and treat resulting proceeds as grant funds.
- *Pending adoption of rules.*

*Supplemental Agenda
January 29, 2026
Exhibit #1*