THE COUNTY OF HALL

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HALL COUNTY, TEXAS, WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM OF THE HALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 101 SOUTH 9TH, MEMPHIS, TEXAS, COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, THE 8TH OF JUNE, 2026, TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ANY LAWFUL SUBJECT WHICH MAY COME BEFORE IT. INCLUDING, AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING: (ITEMS ON THE AGENDA DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO COME AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA).

BILL SIGNING BY COMMISSIONERS AT 8:30 A.M. BEFORE COMMISSIONERS COURT AT 10AM

1. OPENING PRAYER.
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS REQUESTS.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OF THE REGULAR MEETING MAY 11, 2026 AND MAY 28, 2026.
4. REPORTS OF:

A. TREASURER	D. TAX A/C	G. EXTENSION OFFICE
B. SHERIFF/EMC	E. COUNTY CLERK	H. TAX APPRAISAL
C. ROAD & BRIDGE	F. J.P. REPORTS	I. JUDGES REPORT

5. APPROVE REPORTS.
6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS.
7. APPEARANCE BY KATHY DAVENPORT WITH TAC REGARDING HALL COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CURRENT EMPLOYEES AND PRESENTATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FUTURE RETIREES.
8. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RECEIPT OF $500,000 FROM THE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM.
9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BURN BAN. (CURRENTLY OFF).
10. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM SHERIFF HECK ON SB 22 GRANT FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND/OR JAIL.
11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION ON THE USE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, PURCHASES, OTHER COUNTY MATTERS, COUNTY WORK PROJECTS, EXTRA HELP ON HIRING OF ROAD EMPLOYEES ON COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES BY COMMISSIONERS IN EACH PRECINCT.
12. ADJOURNMENT.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2026. Ray Powell

RAY POWELL
HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

FILED 2026 JUN 2 AM 11:41
HALL COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK
Courtney Martin

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Hall County, Texas

Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting

June 8, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on June 8, 2026, with the following members present: Ray Powell, County Judge, presiding; Ronny Wilson, Commissioner Precinct #1; Terry Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #2; Gary Proffitt, Commissioner Precinct #3; Troy Glover, Commissioner Precinct #4. Other County officials: Pat Snider, Clerk; Janet Bridges, Treasurer; Judy Roten, Judge's Assistant; Dave Thomas, Chief Deputy; JD Schnitker, Hall County CEA-ANR. The following citizens and guests: Jack Owens, City Administrator; Lloyd Roberts, Carley du Menil, Kathy Davenport, TAC.

1. **OPENING THE MEETING.**
   - **A.** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Judge Powell.
   - **B.** Commissioner Lindsey led the opening prayer.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/REQUESTS.**

   Carley du Menil discussed her concerns as well as citizens of Turkey: influx of people, water issues, traffic housing, County Road CC and Hwy 70.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2026, AND THE CALLED RESTORATION MEETING OF MAY 28, 2026.**

   Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and seconded by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2026, and the called Restoration meeting of May 28, 2026

   Motion passed unanimously.

4. **REPORTS OF:**
   - **A. TREASURER** – printed, no comments.
   - **B. SHERIFF/EMC** – presented by Dave Thomas: 349 calls, 5 arrests, have disposed of old stove out of kitchen.
   - **C. ROAD & BRIDGE** – presented by Commission Lindsey, $18,011.86 expenses.
   - **D. TAX A/C** – printed.
   - **E. COUNTY CLERK** – presented by Pat Snider.
   - **F. J.P. REPORTS** – both on paper.
   - **G. EXTENSION OFFICE** – JD presented: seed trials have been planted, Soil Judging champs at District.
   - **H. TAX APPRAISAL** – present on paper, 95.22% of Taxes collected.
   - **I. JUDGE'S REPORT** – no report.

5. **APPROVE REPORTS.**

   Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and seconded by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to approve the reports.
   Motion passed unanimously.

ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

6. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. **APPEARANCE BY KATHY DAVENPORT WITH TAC REGARDING HALL COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CURRENT EMPLOYEES AND PRESENTATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FUTURE RETIREES.**

Ms. Davenport discussed Amarillo Medical Providers have pulled out of BCBS, causing issues with insured not getting the care they need. Ms. Davenport is the person who we need to contact for insurance issues. She reported there have been more claims than money put into Groups in Pool. This could cause a 12% increase in premiums. She suggested utilizing MDLive. The County needs to be proactive.

Ms. Davenport also presented a Medicare Supplement Plan and a Retiree Program. The commissioners tabled this item until the next meeting, providing more time to look over the plans.

Exhibit A

Break at 11:10, reconvened at 11:27.

8. **DISCUSS AND APPROVE RECEIPT OF $500,000 FROM THE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM.**

Judge Powell and seconded by Commissioner Wilson and it is the Order of the Court to participate in the Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program by accepting a $500.00 Grant to mprove the services and capabilities of the Hall County EMS in Memphis, Texas.

Motion passed unanimously.

Exhibits B&C

9. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BURN BAN.** (Currently OFF)

No Action.

10. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM SHERIFF HECK ON SB22 GRANT FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND/OR JAIL.**

Nothing currently.

11. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION ON THE USE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, PURCHASES, AND OTHER COUNTY MATTERS, COUNTY WORK, PROJECTS, EXTRA HELP ON HIRING OF ROAD EMPLOYEES ON COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES BY COMMISSIONERS IN EACH PRECINT.**

Nothing currently.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and seconded by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 AM.
Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

July 13, 2026

Patricia Snider

Patricia Snider
Hall County Clerk

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

DATE: 6/8/24 REGULAR OR CALLED

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, PLEASE SIGN & PRINT YOUR NAME.

SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME	EMAIL (OPTIONAL)	PHONE NUMBER
1. J Owens	Jack Owens		806-290-5677
2. L Roberts	Lloyd Roberts		8679805521
3. Kathy Davenport	Kathy Davenport		512-354-0919
4. Dave Thomas	DAVE THOMAS		806-259-2636
5. Carley du Menil	Carley du Menil	carley@carley.us	806-336-1471
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Exhibit A

CountyChoice
Texas Association of Counties
Retiree Medical Program

Thank you for your interest in the CountyChoice Silver (CCS) retiree program. To deliver competitive healthcare options featuring comprehensive coverage and outstanding service, The Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP) partners with Amwins Group Benefits, LLC as the program administrator. Together, they oversee the retiree Medicare Supplement medical plan, underwritten by Transamerica Life Insurance Company (TLIC), along with the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, Retiree RxCare underwritten by MedImpact, and the Medicare Advantage plan underwritten by Humana.

We offer three retiree packages in which the group may select one to offer retirees. The billing methods vary to accommodate each employer. Each proposed package consists of a Medicare Supplement Plan, which can be paired with a Prescription Drug plan and a Medicare Advantage PPO Plan with Prescription Drug coverage. Retirees have the flexibility to select the plan that best aligns with their individual needs.

The Medicare Supplement medical plan underwritten by TLIC provides excellent benefits with minimal out-of-pocket expenses for retirees, all at a reasonable premium. This plan includes access to a Disease Management, Wellness advice, and several discount programs.

Program Plan Highlights

Medicare **Supplement Plan** only:

- Requires retirees to have both Medicare Part A & B
- A Medicare Supplement Plan is designed to supplement Medicare Parts A & B. Medicare pays primary and supplement plan pays secondary
- Nationwide coverage
- Retirees may see any provider who accepts Medicare
- Retirees will have one ID card

Medicare **Supplement Plan** with Rx:

- Requires retirees to have both Medicare Part A & B
- A Medicare Supplement Plan is designed to supplement Medicare Parts A & B. Medicare pays primary and supplement plan pays secondary
- Nationwide coverage
- Retirees may see any provider who accepts Medicare
- Retirees will have two ID cards

Medicare **Advantage Plan** with Rx:

- Requires retirees to have both Medicare Part A & B
- A Medicare Advantage plan is similar to a health insurance plan with all the rights and privileges of traditional Medicare
- Nationwide coverage
- Retirees may see any provider who accepts Medicare
- Non-differential PPO – same benefits in and out-of-network
- One ID card for medical and Rx - (no need to show Medicare card)

Enclosed are rates, program requirements and summaries detailing all available package plan options for your consideration. If your group decides to participate in the CountyChoice Silver (CCS) retiree benefits program, the required group enrollment paperwork must be submitted.

For questions, please contact Andrea Walker. You may contact them by phone at (800) 456-5974 or by email at ccs@county.org

2026 Post-65 Group Retiree Healthcare Program

SUMMARY OF PLANS & RATES

Fully Insured Retiree Medical Plan Options

Underwritten by Transamerica Life Insurance Company

Medical Plan	Package 1 Plan F	Package 2 Plan K	Package 3 Plan G
Monthly Cost	**$298.51**	**$165.61**	**$273.09**
Calendar Year Deductible*	$0	50%	50%
Skilled Nursing	0%	50%	0%
Part B Co-Insurance	0%	50%	0%
Out-of-Pocket Maximum**	Unlimited	$4,620	Unlimited
Office Visit Co-pay	$0	50%	$0
Emergency Room Co-pay	$0	50%	$0

Includes Part B Deductible (2026: $288). Retiree is responsible for 50% of both the Part A and B deductible if enrolled in Package 2. Only responsible for 50% of Part B deductible for Package 3. Includes Calendar Year Deductible. Plan K (Package 2) OOP Max will remain the same each year, regardless of Medicare's annual changes.*

Fully Insured Prescription Drug Plan Option

Underwritten by Elixir Insurance Company through Retiree RxCare

Prescription Drug Plan (30 Day Retail)	Package 1 Plan 1	Package 2 Plan 2	Package 3 Plan 3
Monthly Cost:	**$294.33**	**$94.22**	**$269.50**
Annual Deductible:	$0	$590	$0
Tier 1: Generic	$5	25%	$10
Tier 2: Preferred Brand	$25	25%	$30
Tier 3: Non-Preferred Brand	$60	25%	$65
Tier 4: Specialty	25%	25%	25%
Catastrophic Coverage:		$0 Copays	

Out of Pocket Maximum: $2,100

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GROUP BENEFITS, LLC

2026 Post-65 Group Retiree Healthcare Program

SUMMARY OF PLANS & RATES, *continued*

Medicare Advantage (MAPD) Plan Options

Underwritten by Humana

MAPD Plan	Package 1 High Plan	Package 2 & 3 Low Plan
Monthly Cost	**$427.50**	**$332.17**
Calendar Year Deductible*	$0	$0
Part B Co-Insurance	0%	0%
Out-of-Pocket Maximum**	Unlimited	$2,400
Office Visit Co-pay	$0	$10
Emergency Room Co-pay	$0	$90
Part D Prescription		
Tier 1: Generic	$5	$5
Tier 2: Preferred Brand	$25	$25
Tier 3: Non-Preferred Brand	$60	$60
Tier 4: Specialty	33%	33%
OPX that Triggers Catastrophic	$2,100	$2,100

managemyhealth.amwins.com

MANAGE MY HEALTH

ABOUT MANAGE MY HEALTH™

CREATING HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER RETIREES

Manage My Health is the most comprehensive retiree assistance program on the market, featuring a robust package of services available exclusively to retirees and their families. The program helps seniors enjoy a healthier and happier lifestyle by providing access to physical, mental, nutritional and financial support through a trusted network of senior-centric program partners.

Manage My Health is a powerful resource and a great opportunity for organizations to encourage their former workers to take an active interest in improving their personal well-being.

Telehealth Solutions–24/7 Physician consultations by phone. Treatment for:

- Common colds
- Sprains and strains
- Respiratory infections
- Arthritic pain
- Rx authorizations
- $0 Copay

Caregiver Resources–Quality, professional in-home caregivers you can trust for your loved ones.

- Access to experienced caregivers
- In-depth background checks
- Caregiver/Client matching process
- Savings up to 50%

Counseling & Intervention–24/7 immediate access to counselors; unlimited counseling sessions. Ideal for:

- Alcohol or drug abuse
- Anxiety, depression and grief
- Debt & money management
- Family issues
- And more!

Health & Wellness Support–Online resource for personal health and wellness. Features include:

- Health risk assessments
- Senior-friendly workouts and instructions
- Daily tips on nutrition, weight loss and exercise
- Medical diagnosis library

Food Delivery Service–Healthy meals delivered to you or your loved ones

- Freshly prepared meals delivered to your door
- Special senior & dietary meals
- Single order or meal program
- Can be ordered for loved ones as a gift

Physician Network–Access a network of specialists and primary care physicians based on your specific needs:

- At least three recommended specialists
- Verified insurance acceptance
- Confirmation of appointment availability and necessary medical records or tests

Identity Theft Support–Protection and resolution services

- Award winning 24/7 Identity Theft Resolution Service
- A trusted resource for vetting potential fraud offerings
- Account closure and notification services for decease
- Assistance in the administrative details involved in closing a loved one's affairs

Hearing Services–Discount hearing benefits for you and your family. Benefits include:

- Free annual hearing screenings
- 30-70% off high quality hearing aids
- No interest financing
- 3 years of service on a hearing aid purchase, including repair warranty, loss and damage coverage, and batteries

Manage My Health is available for an additional $10 per month per retiree.

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Transamerica Life Insurance Company (TLIC) Supplement Plan

The Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP) offers a Retiree Medical Benefits Program for Medicare eligible retirees through Amwins and Transamerica Life Insurance Company (TLIC). The following contains program information along with requirements that must be met in order to participate in the CountyChoice Silver (CCS) retiree program.

Program Requirements & Procedures

- Participants must meet the group's retirement qualifications and must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A & B.
- CCS will be the only retiree medical program offered to your Medicare eligible retirees. (No other Medicare supplement or Medicare Advantage program or group plan may be offered to your retirees.)
- By Federal Law this coverage cannot be offered to any ACTIVE employee, regardless of age.
- Transamerica does not coordinate benefits with any other individual or group coverage plan.
- This program offers three Package Plans for medical and prescription drug coverage. The group must elect one Package Plan to be offered to all retirees.

NOTE: Stand-alone prescription drug coverage is not available.

Billing Options

- Group must sign authorization form to confirm billing option selected. Below are the options available.
    1. **LIST** (the Employer pays 100% of premiums); the monthly bill is sent to the Employer.
    2. **DIRECT** (the Employer pays $0 premium); the monthly bill is sent to the Retiree.
    3. **SPLIT** (the Employer pays a portion of the premium); employer must indicate the contribution levels for Employer and for Retirees. Bills will be created and sent to the Employer for the Employer portion and to the Retiree for any remaining balance.

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New Group Set-up

- 90 days is required for group set up process and implementation: 60 days to set up a new group and 30 days to process retiree enrollment into TLIC.

Retiree Enrollments

- Group will be responsible for providing the retiree enrollment packet at the time the employee retires.
- Enrollment requests form must be submitted to TAC HEBP or to Amwins.
- Benefits will be effective the first of the month following the date enrollment form is received.

Termination Reporting

TAC HEBP Group Health Terminations

- All group health employee terminations must be processed by the group prior to the TLIC effective date.
- Terminations processed via the TAC HEBP's Online Administrative System (OASYS) must be submitted by the group within the allowed 5-day grace period.
- Terminations reported after the 5th of the next month will be extended to the end of the following month, and the employer is responsible for these contributions.

Transamerica (TLIC) Terminations

- Termination requests must be submitted in writing to Amwins.
- Termination will be effective the first of the month following the date request is received.
- Group and retiree payments must be made to Amwins within 30 days. There is a 30-day grace period after the payment due date. Coverage will be terminated if payment has not been received after the 30-day grace period.

Open Enrollment Entries

Open enrollment for current and new members begins October 15th through December 7th of this year. This is the **only** time election changes will be accepted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); **midyear changes will no longer be accepted.**

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Texas Association of Counties
Retiree Medical Program

Transamerica Life Insurance Company (TLIC)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Acknowledgement

_______________________________acknowledges the attached document has been read and agrees to comply with the retiree program requirements and procedures.

____ _______________________

Signature of County Judge or Contracting Authority Date

____ _______________________

Print Name Title

If there are questions about requirements and procedures, please contact Andrea Walker or Drea Smith at 800-456-5974.

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE TO YOUR PRIMARY CONTACT AND BILLING CONTACT

CountyChoice
Texas Association of Counties
Retiree Medical Program

Amwins & Transamerica Life Insurance Company (TLIC)

Group Authorization Form

________________________________ has elected to offer the CountyChoice Silver (CCS) retiree medical benefits program and authorizes its retirees to participate in CCS. Furthermore, the group agrees to comply with the participation requirements listed below.

Effective date for retiree benefits: __________________

PACKAGE OPTIONS

Indicate below the plan selection that will be offered to your retirees:

Select one:

☐ **PACKAGE 1** (Medicare Advantage Plan 1 and Senior Supplement Plan F with Rx Plan 1)

☐ **PACKAGE 2** (Medicare Advantage Plan 2 and Senior Supplement Plan K with Rx Plan 2)

☐ **PACKAGE 3** (Medicare Advantage Plan 2 and Senior Supplement Plan G with Rx Plan 3)

BILLING OPTIONS

Indicate below billing method that will be offered to your retirees:

Select one:

☐ **Direct Bill:** Retiree pays 100% of premium and will be billed directly by Amwins each month.

☐ **List Bill:** A monthly invoice will be sent to the designated Billing Contact. Payment must be submitted directly to Amwins. The group will be responsible for collecting premiums from retirees/spouses.

Please indicate monthly contribution levels for Employer and Retirees: amount totals below must equal 2026 premium.

Medical Premium

$________ paid by Employer

$________ paid by Retiree

Rx Premium

$________ paid by Employer

$________ paid by Retiree

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Retiree Medical Program

BILLING OPTIONS CONTINUED

☐ **Split Bill** – The Employer pays a portion of the premium.

- Employer must indicate the contribution levels for Employer and for Retirees.
- Bills will be created and sent to the Employer for the Employer portion and to the Retiree for any remaining balance.
- Amount totals below must equal 2026 premium.

Please indicate monthly contribution levels for Employer and Retirees:

Medical Premium	**Rx Premium**
$_________ paid by Employer	$_________ paid by Employer
$_________ paid by Retiree	$_________ paid by Retiree

______________________________________ ________________
Signature of County Judge or Contracting Authority **Date**

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Please PRINT Name and Title

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Retiree Medical Program

Member Contact Designations

Contracting Authority: As specified in the Interlocal Participation Agreement, each Member hereby designates and appoints, as indicated in the space provided below, a Contracting Authority of department head rank or above and agrees that TAC HEBP shall NOT be required to contact or provide notices to ANY OTHER person. Further, any notice to, or agreement by, a Member's Contracting Authority, with respect to service or claims hereunder, shall be binding on the Member. Each Member reserves the right to change its Contracting Authority from time to time by giving written notice to HEBP.

Name: ______________________

Title: ______________________

Address: ______________________

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Phone: ______________________

Fax: ______________________

Email: ______________________

Primary Contact: Main contact for daily matters pertaining to the retiree benefits.

Name: ______________________

Title: ______________________

Address: ______________________

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Phone: ______________________

Fax: ______________________

Email: ______________________

Billing Contact: Responsible for receiving all invoices relating to retiree benefits.
****NOTE: NOT REQUIRED FOR DIRECT BILL GROUPS****

Name: ______________________

Title: ______________________

Address: ______________________

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Phone: ______________________

Fax: ______________________

Email: ______________________

HIPAA Secured FAX number: ______________________

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Signature of County Judge or Contracting Authority **Date**

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Please PRINT Name and Title

Exhibit B

Ray Powell

From:	Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program <Ambulance.Grants@cpa.texas.gov>
Sent:	Friday, May 29, 2026 8:54 AM
To:	Ray Powell; Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program
Subject:	RE: Approval of Application for Ambulance Service Grant Program

Judge Powell,

Our office requires that grantees enter in a written agreement with the CPA-approved rural ambulance service provider. Please refer to section "IV. Terms" in the grant agreement regarding the subagreement requirement for third-party rural ambulance service providers. This agreement will be submitted along with the compliance report or upon request.

Best Regards,

Maria Avalos
State Grants Analyst
Local Government Section
Data Analysis and Transparency Division
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
111 E 17th St.
Austin, Texas 78701
512-475-0434

From: Ray Powell <ray.powell@co.hall.tx.us>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 10:59 AM
To: Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program <Ambulance.Grants@cpa.texas.gov>
Cc: Ray Powell <ray.powell@co.hall.tx.us>
Subject: FW: Approval of Application for Ambulance Service Grant Program

I do not understand the requirement stated in red. Will you explain please?

Ray Powell
Hall County Judge

From: HB3000 Support Email <ambulance.grants@cpa.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2026 7:30 AM

Ray Powell

From:	HB3000 Support Email <ambulance.grants@cpa.texas.gov>
Sent:	Friday, May 15, 2026 7:30 AM
To:	Ray Powell
Subject:	Approval of Application for Ambulance Service Grant Program

County Judge Ray Powell,

We are pleased to announce that the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ("CPA") has tentatively awarded Hall County a Rural Ambulance Service Program grant pending execution of a grant agreement with CPA, and as further set out below:

Application # IA-0000003026 applied for by County Judge Ray Powell, on behalf of the Hall County EMS. in the amount of 500,000 ("Grant").

A grant agreement between CPA and Hall County is now available for signature and must be signed before CPA will disburse any funds under this Grant. In accordance with an executed grant agreement and before the expenditure of any Grant funds, you are required to enter into a subsequent written agreement with Hall County EMS unless the Hall County self-performs ground ambulance services. This subsequent agreement is not required if the County is self-performing ground ambulance services under this Grant. **Please note all requirements in the grant agreement related to the CPA-approved service provider, including the requirement to obtain CPA's written preapproval of any substitution of the CPA-approved service provider.**

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please visit the Comptroller's office Ambulance Service Provider Grant Program webpage or contact the Data Analysis and Transparency Division at 844-519-5672 option 9 or ambulance.grants@cpa.texas.gov.

Regards,

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Ray Powell

From: Maria Avalos via Docusign <dse_NA3@docusign.net>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2026 7:31 AM
To: Ray Powell
Subject: Rural Ambulance Service Grant Agreement

This email seems to deal with an electronic signature and may contain links that cannot be inspected for phishing or viruses. Verify the authenticity of this email before clicking the link or taking any further action.

Maria Avalos sent you a document to review and sign.

Review Document

Maria Avalos

maria.avalos@cpa.texas.gov

Rural Ambulance Service Grant Agreement via DocuSign
If you have any questions, please contact us at ambulance.grants@cpa.texas.gov

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GRANT AGREEMENT
Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program
Award # TA-0000003026

This grant agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ("CPA") and Hall County ("Grantee"), located at 101 S. Ninth St Suite 4, Memphis, Texas, 79245. For purposes of this Agreement, CPA and Grantee are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party."

I. Background

The 89th Texas Legislature (Regular Session) passed House Bill 3000, which establishes a grant program to provide financial assistance to qualified ambulance service providers in certain rural counties (the "Program"). House Bill 3000 added Section 130.914 to the Local Government Code, under which CPA has authority to establish and administer the Program and provide financial assistance to qualified applicants.

Grantee timely applied for a grant, and CPA has reviewed and approved Grantee's application. Grantee further warrants that it is eligible to participate in the Program.

The Parties desire to set forth their mutual expectations and obligations for participation in the Program, and in consideration of Grantee's compliance with all requirements of this Agreement, CPA awards this Agreement to Grantee and the Parties do hereby represent, covenant, and agree as follows:

II. Authority

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority granted in Section 130.914 of the Local Government Code, and is funded by state funds appropriated by the state legislature.

III. Grant

In consideration of the various obligations to be undertaken by Grantee, CPA awards Grantee the amount of $ 500000.00 ("Grant"), to be disbursed to Grantee for the purpose of reimbursing allowable costs for Program implementation, subject to the following:

1. Grant funds may only be used for the state purpose of ensuring adequate ground ambulance services, and may further only be expended on the authorized uses set forth in Part VI of this Agreement (Authorized Uses of Grant Funds);
2. Grantee must fully comply with the requirements of Part V (Requirements Related to Approved Rural Ambulance Service Provider) of this Agreement;
3. Grantee must fully comply with all terms and conditions of this Agreement; the requirements of Section 130.914 of the Local Government Code; the provisions of the Texas Grant Management Standards ("TxGMS"), or their successor, adopted in accordance with Texas law; and all applicable state or federal statutes, rules, regulations, or guidance applicable to this Grant, including 34 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Part I, Chapter 16, Subchapter F; and
4. Grantee may not reduce funding provided to its qualified rural ambulance service provider for the fiscal year following Grantee's receipt of Grant funds under this Agreement.

IV. Term

This Agreement is effective on the date signed by CPA ("Effective Date"), after first having been signed by Grantee, and expires five (5) years thereafter, unless terminated earlier in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement.

V. Requirements Related to Approved Rural Ambulance Service Provider

A. **Subagreement Required for Third-Party Rural Ambulance Service Providers.** The requirements of this Part V.A apply if the qualified rural ambulance service provider (as defined by 34 TAC §16.500(13)) designated in Grantee's application for the Grant and approved by CPA is a third party (i.e., if Grantee does not self-perform the ground ambulance services contemplated by this Agreement).

1. **Subagreement Required Prior to Expenditure of Grant Funds.** Prior to expenditure of any Grant funds, Grantee must enter into a written agreement ("Subagreement") with the CPA-approved rural ambulance service provider.

2. **Subagreement Requirements.** The following requirements apply to the Subagreement:

   a. The Subagreement must require the rural ambulance service provider to provide ground ambulance services on behalf of Grantee and in accordance with the requirements of Section 130.914 of the Local Government Code and 34 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 16, Subchapter F.

   b. The Subagreement must require compliance with and expressly incorporate applicable requirements of this Agreement, including all requirements of Part IX (Equipment; State Interest) of this Agreement.

   c. The Subagreement must be in effect for at least the remaining period of this Agreement. If applicable, Grantee will submit in its compliance report (see Section VIII.A of this Agreement, Annual Compliance Reports) documentation confirming that a Subagreement scheduled to expire during the term of this Agreement has been extended, renewed, or replaced by an agreement that meets the requirements of this Agreement.

   d. Notification of an executed Subagreement will be provided to CPA. Grantee will provide the executed Subagreement to CPA upon request.

3. **Termination or Expiration of Subagreement.** Grantee must notify CPA in writing of the termination or expiration of any Subagreement that occurs during the term of this Agreement. Upon any such expiration or termination of a Subagreement, Grantee may not expend any Grant funds without CPA's subsequent written approval.

B. **Substitution of Approved Rural Ambulance Service Provider.** Grantee may not substitute or replace the CPA-approved rural ambulance service provider under this Agreement without CPA's written preapproval. If CPA provides any such written preapproval of a substitute rural ambulance service provider, Grantee must, prior to Grantee's expenditure of Grant funds or the substitute rural ambulance service provider's use of any grant-funded equipment, comply with all requirements of this Part V.

VI. Authorized Uses of Grant Funds

The Grant may only be used to purchase:

1. additional ambulances (as defined by 34 TAC §16.500(2)), including necessary accessories (as defined by 34 TAC §16.500(1)) and modifications;

2. necessary accessories (as defined by 34 TAC §16.500(1)) and modifications to refurbish ambulances that the Grantee or its qualified rural ambulance service provider currently possesses; and

3. necessary registration fees.

VII. Payment

A. **Advance Payment.** CPA will disburse the Grant funds as soon as practicable following the Effective Date. By making advance payment, CPA does not waive any requirements for the reimbursement of costs. Upon CPA's request, Grantee will submit records in support of reimbursement requests.

B. **Eligibility for Cost Reimbursement.** CPA will reimburse Grantee for necessary and reasonable allowable costs paid by Grantee in performance of this Agreement. Allowable costs are restricted to costs that comply with the Agreement, TxGMS, and state law. The parties agree that all the requirements of TxGMS apply to this Agreement, including the criteria for allowable costs.

C. **Pre-award Costs.** Grantee may only use funds to cover costs incurred after the Effective Date, unless otherwise specifically approved in writing. All costs incurred by Grantee before the Effective Date are incurred voluntarily, at Grantee's own credit and expense.

D. **Expenditure of Grant Funds and Return of Unspent Funds.** Grantee must expend Grant funds during the term of this Agreement, and Grantee agrees to return to CPA any unspent Grant funds upon termination or expiration of the Agreement. Grantee will return any such funds in accordance with CPA instructions.

E. **Program Income.** Subject to the provisions of Section VII.F of this Agreement, "Program Income" has the meaning set forth in TxGMS, and includes, but is not limited to, income from the use or rental of personal property acquired or improved with Grant funds. Program Income generated under or resulting from this Agreement may only be used for Program purposes and on allowable costs under this Agreement. Upon termination or expiration of the Agreement, Grantee must return any unexpended Program Income to CPA. Grantee will report generation and use of Program Income to CPA in the compliance reports required under Section VIII.A of the Agreement.

F. **Deposit of Funds.** Whenever possible, Grant funds must be deposited and maintained in insured, interest-bearing accounts. Interest earned on Grant funds is not considered Program Income, and Grantee must use any accrued interest for Program purposes only and on allowable costs under this Agreement.

VIII. Reporting and Compliance

A. **Annual Compliance Reports.** Grantee must submit a compliance report no later than 60 days following each anniversary of the Effective Date of this Agreement, and, if applicable, the early termination of the Agreement. Grantee must use CPA's electronic form to submit compliance reports. In all compliance reports, Grantee must certify compliance with the Agreement, detail expenditures of Grant funds, submit evidence of continued ground ambulance services, and provide any other information required by CPA. CPA may require supporting documentation regarding expenditures and any other information required to substantiate that Grant funds are being used for the intended purpose and that Grantee has complied with the terms, conditions, and requirements of applicable law, this Agreement, and 34 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 16, Subchapter F. Grantee must submit any information requested by CPA within fourteen (14) calendar days of the request.

B. **Remedies for Noncompliance.** If CPA finds that Grantee has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement or any other requirement described in Part III of the Agreement, CPA may:

1. require Grantee to cure the failure to comply to the satisfaction of CPA;
2. require Grantee to return some or all of the Grant;
3. withhold funds from the Grant or future grants awarded to Grantee until the deficiency is corrected;
4. disallow all or part of the noncompliant cost;
5. terminate the Agreement in whole or in part;
6. bar Grantee from future consideration for grants under 34 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 16, Subchapter E; or
7. exercise any other legal remedies available to CPA under this Agreement, at law, in equity, or otherwise.

IX. Equipment; State Interest

A. **State Interest in Equipment Acquired under Agreement; State Interest Period.** For purposes of this Agreement, "equipment" has the same meaning and definition set out in TxGMS. There is a State Interest in all equipment acquired or improved under this Agreement, and the State Interest Period is the period during which Grantee (or any subrecipient, as applicable) will hold in trust for the beneficiaries of the Grant all equipment acquired or improved under this Agreement. The State Interest in all equipment acquired or improved under this Agreement will start upon acquisition or improvement thereof, and continue for a period of ten (10) years thereafter.

B. **Property Trust Relationship.** Pursuant to the requirements of TxGMS and in recognition that this Agreement is executed for the benefit of the public being served by the Grant, for the duration of the State Interest Period, Grantee (and any subrecipient) must hold Grant-funded equipment in trust for the beneficiaries of the Grant.

C. **General Requirements for Equipment.** Title to equipment acquired or improved with Grant funds ("Project Property") vests in Grantee (unless CPA approves otherwise in writing), subject to the following conditions:

1. Grantee and any subrecipient must use and manage Project Property in accordance with applicable law and TxGMS;
2. Grantee and any subrecipient must use Project Property for Program purposes, and may not use Project Property for any other activities unless CPA approves otherwise in writing;
3. For the duration of the State Interest Period, Grantee and any subrecipient must use Project Property for the exclusive benefit of the public served by the Grantee, unless CPA approves otherwise in writing;
4. For the duration of the State Interest Period, Grantee and any subrecipient (as applicable) must comply with the insurance coverage requirements of applicable law, this Agreement, and TxGMS;
5. Project Property may not be encumbered with the prior written approval of CPA; and
6. Grantee (on its own or any subrecipient's behalf) must obtain written disposition instructions from CPA when Project Property is no longer needed for the Program, or when the Grant expires or terminates, unless the per unit fair market value of the Project Property is less than $10,000.

D. **Procurement of Equipment.** Procurement of equipment with Grant funds must comply with requirements of applicable law and TxGMS, including, if applicable, competitive selection requirements and the General Procurement Standards.

E. **Noncompliance and Survival.** If Grantee fails to comply with the requirements of TxGMS or this Part IX (Equipment; State Interest), Grantee must request disposition instructions from CPA pursuant to TxGMS. This Part IX (Equipment; State Interest) shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

X. Records, Access, and Audits

A. **Right to Audit.** The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Agreement. The acceptance of funds directly under the Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Agreement acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor (or any successor agency), under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Grantee will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds accepted under this Agreement and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards. CPA further reserves the right to monitor Grantee's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement.

B. **Records Retention.** Grantee will maintain and retain all records relating to the performance of the Agreement, including supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for grant funds are in accordance with applicable State of Texas requirements. These records will be maintained and retained by Grantee for a period of four (4) years after the Agreement expiration date or until all audit, claim, and litigation matters are resolved, whichever is later. CPA reserves the right to direct Grantee to retain documents for a longer period of time or transfer certain records to CPA custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value. Grantee must include the substance of this clause in all subawards and subcontracts.

C. **Audit Requirements.** Funds allocated in connection with this Agreement are considered to be state financial assistance for the purpose of determining the audit requirements under TxGMS. If Grantee expends more than $1,000,000 in state grant awards, including this Agreement, during its fiscal year, Grantee must complete an annual independent financial audit or program-specific audit in accordance with TxGMS. All audits must be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS). Grantee's audit reporting package must be provided to CPA as specified in TxGMS. Grantee agrees that in the event of any audit findings related to state awards provided by CPA, Grantee will inform CPA within two (2) business days following Grantee's receipt of any written audit findings or reports (whether in draft or final form), and thereafter submit any documentation related to the audit findings upon CPA's request (including, but not limited to, a copy of the final audit report, a response to the current status of the prior year's questioned costs, copies of management letters written as a result of the audit, and action plans, if any).

XI. Indemnification and Release of Liability

A. INDEMNIFICATION. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CPA, AND/OR ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM, ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY GRANTEE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND GRANTEE MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. GRANTEE AND CPA AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR CPA FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CPA OR ITS EMPLOYEES. THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT.

B. NO INDEMNIFICATION BY CPA. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT CPA WILL NOT INDEMNIFY GRANTEE FOR ANY LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, OR ANY RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, OR EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE IN PERFORMANCE OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT.

C. LIABILITY. GRANTEE RELEASES CPA AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FROM, AND AGREES THAT CPA AND THE STATE OF TEXAS SHALL NOT HAVE, ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, EXPENSES, AND COSTS OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, INCURRED BY, OR ASSERTED OR IMPOSED AGAINST CPA AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, AS A RESULT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT, EXCEPT FOR THE NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF CPA. THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT.

XII. General

A. **Insurance.** Unless prohibited by law, Grantee will require its contractors and subrecipients to obtain and maintain for the term of this Agreement adequate insurance coverage sufficient to protect Grantee and CPA from all claims and liability for injury to persons and for damage to property arising from the Agreement.

B. **Texas Public Information Act.** Grantee understands that CPA will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code) as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Agreement may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act. In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Grantee is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State of Texas pursuant to the Agreement, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State.

C. **Funding Limitation.** The Agreement shall not be construed as creating a debt on behalf of CPA in violation of Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution. All obligations of CPA under the Agreement are subject to the availability of grant funds. The Agreement is subject to termination or cancellation, either in whole or in part, without penalty to CPA if such funds are not appropriated or become unavailable. Grantee will ensure that this clause is included in all subawards and subcontracts.

D. **No Conflicts of Interest.** Grantee represents and warrants that performance under this Agreement will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety. Further, Grantee represents and warrants that in the administration of the Agreement, it will comply with all conflict-of-interest prohibitions and disclosure requirements required by applicable law, rules, and policies, including Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code.

E. **No Waiver.** This Agreement shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to either Party as an agency or political subdivision of the State of Texas or otherwise available to the Party. The failure to enforce or any delay in the enforcement of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to a Party under this Agreement or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel.

F. **Compliance with Laws, Rules, and Requirements.** Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply, and assure the compliance of all its subrecipients and contractors, with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and all terms and conditions established by CPA and the State of Texas with respect to the use of Grant funds.

G. **Grantee's Responsibility for Subcontractors.** All acts and omissions of subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons and organizations performing any work under a direct or indirect contract with Grantee shall be considered the acts and omissions of Grantee. Grantee represents and warrants that it will maintain oversight to ensure that subcontractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

H. **Grantee's Responsibility for Subrecipients.** Grantee represents and warrants that it will monitor the activities of any subgrantee as necessary to ensure that subawards are used for authorized purposes, in compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward, and that subaward performance goals are achieved.

I. **Force Majeure.** Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in this Agreement caused by force majeure. Upon timely notice by the non-performing Party, the existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing Party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, pandemic/quarantine orders or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either Party and that by exercise of due foresight such Party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such Party is unable to overcome. The non-performing Party must provide evidence of any failure resulting in impossibility to perform upon request.

J. **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement is governed by and construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under this Agreement is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is other identified in a statute that directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to CPA.

K. **Dispute Resolution.** The dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2009 of the Texas Government Code is available to the Parties to resolve any dispute arising under the Agreement.

L. **Termination for Convenience.** CPA may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for convenience without the payment of any penalty or incurring any further obligation or liability to Grantee. CPA's termination for convenience under this section may be for any reason or no reason at all.

M. **Independent Contractor.** The Parties agree that each Party is contracting as an independent contractor.

N. **Assignment.** No assignment of this Agreement or of any right accruing hereunder shall be made, in whole or part, by either Party without the prior written consent of the other.

O. **Headings.** The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of the Agreement.

P. **Survival.** The expiration or termination of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties accrued prior to the effective date of expiration or termination and such rights and obligations shall survive and remain enforceable.

Q. **Severability.** If one or more provisions are deemed invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision and this Agreement

XIII. Uniform Assurances

Grantee certifies its compliance with and acknowledges the following uniform assurances, as applicable to this Agreement, and all other provisions of Appendix 6 (Uniform Assurances by Local Governments) of TxGMS that are applicable to this Agreement. Other assurances from TxGMS may be included elsewhere in this Agreement.

A. **Child Support Obligation.** Grantee represents and warrants that it will include the following clause in the award documents for every subaward and subcontract and will require subgrantees and subcontractors to certify accordingly: "Under Section 231.006 of the Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. A bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds must include the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application."

B. **Cybersecurity Training Program (Local Government System).** Grantee represents and warrants its compliance with Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code relating to the cybersecurity training program for local government employees who have access to a local government computer system or database.

C. **Cybersecurity Training Program (State Contractor).** If Grantee has access to any state computer system or database, Grantee shall complete cybersecurity training and verify completion of the training program to CPA pursuant to and in accordance with Section 2054.5192 of the Texas Government Code.

D. **Debarment and Suspension.** Grantee certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the State of Texas Debarred Vendor List maintained by CPA and the System for Award Management (SAM) maintained by the General Services Administration.

E. **Debts and Delinquencies.** Grantee agrees that any payments due under the grant shall be applied towards any debt or delinquency that is owed to the State of Texas.

F. **Disclosure Protections for Certain Charitable Organizations, Charitable Trusts, and Private Foundations.** Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with Section 2252.906 of the Texas Government Code relating to disclosure protections for certain charitable organizations, charitable trusts, and private foundations.

G. **Excluded Parties.** Grantee certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order No. 13224, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

H. **Executive Head of a State Agency.** In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, Grantee certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of CPA, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the date of the Agreement or grant was the executive head of CPA, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of CPA.

I. **Firearm Suppressor Policy.** Grantee certifies that it has not received a final judicial determination finding it adopted a rule, order, ordinance, or policy under which it enforces, or allows the enforcement of, a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation that purports to regulate a firearm suppressor in violation of Section 2.102(a) of the Texas Government Code in an action brought by the Attorney General under Section 2.104 of the Texas Government Code. If Grantee is currently being sued under Section 2.104 of the Texas Government Code or is sued under this section at any point during the duration of this grant, Grantee agrees to immediately disclose the lawsuit and its posture to CPA.

J. **Law Enforcement Agency Grant Restriction.** If Grantee is a law enforcement agency regulated by Chapter 1701 of the Texas Occupations Code, Grantee represents and warrants that it will not use appropriated money unless the law enforcement agency is in compliance with all rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, or the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement certifies that it is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.

K. **Legal Authority.** Grantee represents that it possesses legal authority to apply for the Grant. A resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the Grantee's governing body, authorizing the filing of Grantee's application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative, or the designee of Grantee to act in connection with the Grantee's application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

L. **Limitations on Grants to Units of Local Government.** Grantee acknowledges and agrees that appropriated funds may not be expended in the form of a grant to a unit of local government unless the terms of the grant require that the funds received under the grant will be expended subject to the limitations and reporting requirements similar to those provided by the following: Parts 2 and 3 of the Texas General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, except there is no requirement for increased salaries for local government employees; Sections 556.004, 556.005, and 556.006 of the Texas Government Code; and Sections 2113.012 and 2113.101 of the Texas Government Code.

M. **Lobbying Expenditure Restriction.** Grantee represents and warrants that payments to Grantee and Grantee's receipt of appropriated or other funds under the Agreement are not prohibited by Sections 403.1067 or 556.0055 of the Texas Government Code, which restrict lobbying expenditures.

N. **Open Meetings.** If Grantee is a governmental entity, Grantee represents and warrants its compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which requires all regular, special or called meetings of a governmental body to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law.

O. **Political Polling Prohibition.** Grantee represents and warrants that it does not perform political polling and acknowledges that appropriated funds may not be granted to, or expended by, any entity which performs political polling.

P. **Public Camping Ban.** Grantee certifies that it has not received a final judicial determination finding it intentionally adopted or enforced a policy that prohibited or discouraged the enforcement of a public camping ban in an action brought by the Attorney General under Section 364.003 of the Local Government Code. If Grantee is currently being sued under the provisions of Section 364.003 of the Local Government Code, or is sued under this Section at any point during the duration of this Grant, Grantee must immediately disclose the lawsuit and its current posture to CPA.

Q. **Reporting Compliance.** Grantee represents and warrants that it will submit timely, complete, and accurate reports in accordance with the Agreement and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.

R. **Reporting Suspected Fraud and Unlawful Conduct.** Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with Section 321.022 of the Texas Government Code, which requires that suspected fraud and unlawful conduct be reported to the State Auditor's Office.

XIV. Notices; Liaison

A. Any notice relating to this Agreement, which is required or permitted to be given under this Agreement by one party to the other party must be in writing and must be addressed to the receiving party at the address specified below. The notice will be deemed to have been given immediately if delivered in person to the recipient's address specified below. It will be deemed to have been given on the date of certified receipt if placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, addressed to the receiving party at the address specified below. Registered or certified mail with return receipt is not required for copies.

The address of CPA for all purposes under this Agreement and for all notices hereunder will be:

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
ATTN: Contracts Section
111 E 17th Street, Room 310C
Austin, Texas 78774
With copy sent via electronic mail to contracts@cpa.texas.gov

The address of Grantee for all purposes under this Agreement and for all notices hereunder will be:
Grantee:

Hall County
101 S. Ninth St Suite 4, Memphis, Texas 79245

Contact Person:

Ray Powell
County Judge
101 S. Ninth St Suite 4, Memphis, Texas 79245
ray.powell@co.hall.tx.us
8062592511

B. Unless notice is specifically required under the Agreement, the parties may, in lieu of tendering notice by mail as set out above, communicate any information or transmit documents by email to the addresses listed above.

XV. Signatories

The Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned, duly authorized representatives. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which constitute only one agreement between the Parties.

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	Grantee
By: Lisa Craven	By: Ray Powell
Lisa Craven	Ray Powell
Deputy Comptroller	County Judge
Date: 5/15/2026 | 11:03 AM CDT	Date: 5/15/2026 | 8:51 AM PDT

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Getting paper copies

At any time, you may request from us a paper copy of any record provided or made available electronically to you by us. You will have the ability to download and print documents we send to you through the DocuSign system during and immediately after the signing session and, if you elect to create a DocuSign account, you may access the documents for a limited period of time (usually 30 days) after such documents are first sent to you. After such time, if you wish for us to send you paper copies of any such documents from our office to you, you will be charged a $0.00 per-page fee. You may request delivery of such paper copies from us by following the procedure described below.

Withdrawing your consent

If you decide to receive notices and disclosures from us electronically, you may at any time change your mind and tell us that thereafter you want to receive required notices and disclosures only in paper format. How you must inform us of your decision to receive future notices and disclosure in paper format and withdraw your consent to receive notices and disclosures electronically is described below.

Consequences of changing your mind

If you elect to receive required notices and disclosures only in paper format, it will slow the speed at which we can complete certain steps in transactions with you and delivering services to you because we will need first to send the required notices or disclosures to you in paper format, and then wait until we receive back from you your acknowledgment of your receipt of such paper notices or disclosures. Further, you will no longer be able to use the DocuSign system to receive required notices and consents electronically from us or to sign electronically documents from us.

All notices and disclosures will be sent to you electronically

Unless you tell us otherwise in accordance with the procedures described herein, we will provide electronically to you through the DocuSign system all required notices, disclosures, authorizations, acknowledgements, and other documents that are required to be provided or made available to you during the course of our relationship with you. To reduce the chance of you inadvertently not receiving any notice or disclosure, we prefer to provide all of the required notices and disclosures to you by the same method and to the same address that you have given us. Thus, you can receive all the disclosures and notices electronically or in paper format through the paper mail delivery system. If you do not agree with this process, please let us know as described below. Please also see the paragraph immediately above that describes the consequences of your electing not to receive delivery of the notices and disclosures electronically from us.

How to contact Salesforce-PROD:

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To contact us by email send messages to: kaite.guerrero@cpa.texas.gov

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Ray Powell

From: Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program <Ambulance.Grants@cpa.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 8:54 AM
To: Ray Powell; Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program
Subject: RE: Approval of Application for Ambulance Service Grant Program

Judge Powell,

Our office requires that grantees enter in a written agreement with the CPA-approved rural ambulance service provider. Please refer to section "IV. Terms" in the grant agreement regarding the subagreement requirement for third-party rural ambulance service providers. This agreement will be submitted along with the compliance report or upon request.

Best Regards,

Maria Avalos
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From: Ray Powell <ray.powell@co.hall.tx.us>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 10:59 AM
To: Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program <Ambulance.Grants@cpa.texas.gov>
Cc: Ray Powell <ray.powell@co.hall.tx.us>
Subject: FW: Approval of Application for Ambulance Service Grant Program

I do not understand the requirement stated in red. Will you explain please?

Ray Powell
Hall County Judge

From: HB3000 Support Email <ambulance.grants@cpa.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2026 7:30 AM

Ray Powell

From: HB3000 Support Email <ambulance.grants@cpa.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2026 7:30 AM
To: Ray Powell
Subject: Approval of Application for Ambulance Service Grant Program

County Judge Ray Powell,

We are pleased to announce that the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ("CPA") has tentatively awarded Hall County a Rural Ambulance Service Program grant pending execution of a grant agreement with CPA, and as further set out below:

Application # IA-0000003026 applied for by County Judge Ray Powell, on behalf of the Hall County EMS, in the amount of 500,000 ("Grant").

A grant agreement between CPA and Hall County is now available for signature and must be signed before CPA will disburse any funds under this Grant. In accordance with an executed grant agreement and before the expenditure of any Grant funds, you are required to enter into a subsequent written agreement with Hall County EMS unless the Hall County self-performs ground ambulance services. This subsequent agreement is not required if the County is self-performing ground ambulance services under this Grant. **Please note all requirements in the grant agreement related to the CPA-approved service provider, including the requirement to obtain CPA's written preapproval of any substitution of the CPA-approved service provider.**

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please visit the Comptroller's office Ambulance Service Provider Grant Program webpage or contact the Data Analysis and Transparency Division at 844-519-5672 option 9 or ambulance.grants@cpa.texas.gov.

Regards,

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Exhibit C

HB3000 Super Guide: What Texas Rural EMS Providers Need to Know

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Starting January 2026, Texas counties under 68,750 in population will have access to game-changing ambulance funding. Here's what you need to know, and how Frazer can help.

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What Is HB3000?

House Bill 3000 (HB3000), passed during the 89th Texas Legislature, creates the **Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program.** This program provides financial assistance to help rural counties purchase new ambulances and make necessary modifications.

The goal is simple: improve emergency response in underserved areas by helping agencies replace aging fleets and close dangerous response-time gaps.

Effective Date: September 1, 2025
Application Window Opens: January 1, 2026

Why Was HB3000 Created?

Texas has a rural EMS access problem. In fact, **over 94% of Texas counties include "ambulance deserts"**: areas where residents live more than 25 minutes from the nearest EMS station. Many communities also face:

- Limited or unstable EMS budgets
- Aging vehicles with high maintenance costs
- Staffing shortages and long response times

HB3000 is designed to close those gaps by offering meaningful financial relief to rural counties and helping ensure faster, more reliable emergency care.

Who Qualifies?

The program is open to **Texas counties with populations of 68,750 or less.**

Grant Amounts

- **Up to $500,000** for counties under 10,000 in population
- **Up to $350,000** for counties between 10,000–68,750

What the Funds Can Be Used For:

- **Ambulance purchases only**, including necessary equipment or modifications.

Program Requirements:

- One application per county per fiscal year
- Funds must be used within five years
- Counties may not reduce EMS budgets after receiving a grant

The **Legislative Budget Board** projects that if fully utilized, the program could distribute up to $84 million per year.

Why This Matters for Your County

HB3000 is more than a grant, it's a chance to modernize your EMS fleet without exhausting your local budget. For counties already managing financial constraints, this program can help:

- **Reduce response times**
- **Improve fleet reliability**