



EMS Workforce Recruitment & Retention Program Affidavit of Eligibility

Wise County EMS _____, a DSHS licensed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider within TSA-E, is applying for funds from the NCTTRAC EMS Workforce Recruitment & Retention Program funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through Senate Bill 8 as a qualified agency servicing a **rural** and/or **underserved** county or area as defined below (check all that apply):

Rural (Non-Metropolitan): A county or area with less than 50,000 in population. Counties with less than 50,000 population in TSA-E include the following (check all that apply):

Cooke Erath Fannin Palo Pinto Somervell

*Based on 2020 Census data

Underserved: An area in an urban or metropolitan county (50,000 or more population) where the minimum level of EMS care is diminished or does not exist:

County Name: Wise County

Defined Area: Wise County

Please indicate how the funds will be used to increase ambulance staffing and response capabilities within the EMS provider's service area (check all that apply):

- Provide ambulance response coverage to an area where service did not previously exist
- Increase the number of EMS certified personnel actively working on an ambulance
- Retain the number of currently certified EMS personnel
- Place additional ambulance response units in service
- Improve ambulance response times system-wide
- Improve ambulance response times to a particular location or within a certain area
- Other: Maintain staffing levels

Provide details indicating why funds are needed, and how funds will be used to increase ambulance staffing and response capabilities (attach additional information as needed):

We will be using these funds to allow our part time and full time staff to attend paramedic school.

This will increase the number of paramedics we have available to staff our units. Keeping paramedic staffing has proven to be difficult right now.

As the duly authorized agency representative, I attest and/or certify that the represented EMS sponsor agency meets the qualifications to receive funding as an agency servicing a **rural** and/or **underserved** county or area, as defined. Additionally, I understand that as a recipient of these federally sourced funds, my agency is subject to future audit and may be required to provide additional information, records and/or reports upon request and as needed for verification by appropriate authorities.

EMS Sponsor Agency Representative Signature

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EMS Sponsor Agency Representative Printed

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