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### Acceptance of Florida EMS County Grant Award (NB)

**This item requests approval to accept \$58,870 in reimbursement grant funding from the Florida Department of Health EMS Grant Program to be distributed to the City of Gainesville through Alachua County.**

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS), awards funds from the State EMS Trust Fund to boards of county commissioners to improve and enhance pre-hospital emergency medical services in their counties. The annual amount allocated to each county is proportional to the amount of traffic fine surcharges collected in the county as a result of motor vehicle infractions.

Alachua County has been allocated \$147,810 for the grant period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 (Alachua County Board of County Commissioners Resolution 07-110). Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) has requested funding to enhance the City's emergency medical services through the purchase of: 1) one Heavy Rescue Package of power tools, including hammers, grinders, cutters, saws, drills, and their accessories; 2) one Bullard T4-thermal imaging camera; and 3) twelve Air Traq units which provide imaging of patients' airways during intubation. The award will provide reimbursement funding, at minimum, of \$58,870 for GFR to purchase the equipment.

Reimbursement funds will be received from Alachua County in the amount of \$58,870, or greater. There is no required match.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to expend the funds for the items requested.

Alternate Recommendation A: The City Commission not authorize the City Manager to expend funds for the items.