

The EMS Equipment and Training Fund

A plan to ensure communities are ready for medical emergencies

When car wrecks, flooding, pandemics, or other disasters occur,

EMS responds.



But being ready for these events is challenging for EMS agencies in WV.



Rising costs are placing care at risk.



Our rural communities have **longer transport times, larger service areas**, and a **lower volume of 911 calls**. This results in a higher cost per response when compared to more densely populated states. A cost that private and government insurance inadequately covers.



In 2018, SB 625 attempted to solve this problem

by creating a grant program for equipment and training. Unfortunately, the funding source was removed prior to passage.



It is time to correct this mistake.

\$30 million directed to the EMS Equipment and Training Fund would support grants for ambulances, major medical equipment, and training ensuring communities are ready for medical emergencies.

Examples of 2022 EMS Equipment Costs

Item	\$ Cost
Box type ambulance with a Ford F-450 4x4 chassis suitable for CCT with generator. No cot.	\$255,000
Van type ambulance on a Ford Transit T-350 4x4 chassis. No cot.	\$96,000
Powered ambulance stretcher.	\$26,000
Manual ambulance stretcher.	\$12,000
Heart monitor with cables and spare battery.	\$32,000
Hamilton basic EMS transport ventilator.	\$16,500
Hamilton T1 CCT transport ventilator.	\$22,000
Kenwood radio system with NX-5700HBF VHF single head radio and NX-5800K2 UHF/P25 Digital dual head radio and all accessories and antennas. Installation included.	\$8,173
SSCOR powered portable suction unit.	\$545

