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Mr. W. Craig Fugate
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 C Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Fugate,

I write in support of the application submitted by Sidney Emergency Medical Services for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will allow Sidney Emergency Medical Services to acquire essential equipment in order to ensure the community's safety.

Located in Delaware County, Sidney Emergency Medical Services is a nonprofit organization that provides 24/7 ambulatory and emergency medical services to over 6,000 residents in the Town of Sidney and the surrounding area. It is comprised of 18 staff members and has two ambulances. In 2015, Sidney Emergency Medical Services replaced the all-volunteer operation run by the Sidney Fire Department by providing basic and advanced life support services to the local community.

The requested funding will be used to acquire and maintain the equipment necessary to providing emergency services to the local community. With this funding, Sidney Emergency Medical Services plans to purchase a new power stretcher to replace a stretcher that is 15-years-old. By replacing this equipment, Sidney Emergency Medical Services will be able to respond to emergency situations as safely and effectively as possible.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Laura Driscoll at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator