



**Quote of the Quarter**

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."

- Vidal Sassoon

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**Next Board Meeting:**

**January 22, 2020**

**9:30 AM**

**Wibaux County Courthouse**

**Fallon County EMS Grant Award**

On August 19, 2019 the Fallon County, Fallon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC) received notification from the Montana Department of Transportation that the EMS Department would be receiving \$43,200 in grant funds for the purchase of a Stryker Power Cot and Power Load System. This grant was written by EPEDC and submitted by the Fallon County EMS Department.

The Montana Department of Transportation offers grants to support emergency medical services because they found that the provision of care that is administered by professional paramedics and emergency medical technicians before the patient reaches the hospital – known as prehospital emergency medical services – is a critical component of Montana's health care system. The availability of prehospital emergency medical services can improve the medical outcome for people suffering medical emergencies and may improve the safety of motorists on Montana roads by providing emergency response to vehicle crash sites.

Fallon County EMS Director Lisa Mitchell actively sought funding for the Stryker Power-Load System and the Power Cot because of the critical service it provides for both patient and EMS safety. The Stryker Power-Load is a powered cot fastening system which allows EMS personnel to do their jobs more safely by raising, lowering, loading and unloading the cot at the touch of a button. This automated loading system is critical in reducing the risk of debilitating back injuries for EMS caregivers. Most importantly, the Stryker Power-LOAD provides improved patient care and stability in the transportation by ensuring high-quality security. By purchasing a Stryker Power-LOAD system, Fallon County EMS can reduce wear and damage on their primary ambulance, provide consistency of service regardless of which unit responds to a call, preserve back health of volunteer EMTs and ensure the safety of the patient during transport.

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That is one of the initiative's long-term investments that include funding awards to eight communities totaling \$365,250 through the Eastern Montana Tourism Partner Initiative Grant Program. This grant funding will be used to build or enhance existing tourism infrastructure, raise awareness of eastern Montana as a tourist destination and support sustainable economic development in the communities and nearby areas.

EPEDC is excited to announce the receipt of a \$32,0000 grant from the Montana Department of Commerce as part of a new, community-led initiative to encourage long-term tourism and economic development in eastern Montana communities. EPEDC also assisted Prairie County Economic Development Council with its application for the Terry Kiosk Project, which was awarded \$5,250.

"We have untold potential in eastern Montana to share our spectacular landscapes and unique, authentic experiences with visitors who can't find what we have to offer anywhere else," said Beth Epley, executive director of the EPEDC. "No one knows our story better than we do, but we need enhanced resources to get the word out about the untapped adventures right here in the eastern half of our state. With the Eastern Montana Tourism Partner Initiative, we can start to build the infrastructure we need to support more tourism, attract more visitors and give them a place to stay – all of which will help grow our local economy in the long-run."

Fallon County Emergency Medical Services Ambulance



The EPEDC serves the following participating counties and municipalities:  
Carter County, Dawson County, Fallon County, Prairie County, and Wibaux County,  
as well as the City of Baker, the Town of Elkalaka, the City of Glendive, the Town of Plevna,  
the Town of Richey, the Town of Terry, and the Town of Wibaux.



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