



Memorandum of Agreement Between Northeast Florida Regional Council And Gainesville Fire Rescue

I. Purpose of the Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) sets forth the terms by which the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) will award project funds from the Florida Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance to **Gainesville Fire Rescue**.

II. Funding

Based upon the application for project funding (Attachment A), the NEFRC shall pay **Gainesville Fire Rescue** an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00 for the purchase of decontamination equipment.

All equipment purchased with Healthcare Coalition funds is considered a regional asset and, if available and not in use, equipment may be deployed to partner agencies upon request. In addition, HCC members will have access to an inventory list of equipment purchased through Coalition funding as a resource list.

These funds will only be paid on a reimbursement basis and must be spent by **January 31, 2024**.

II. Roles and Responsibilities

Gainesville Fire Rescue will:

- Be responsible for the procurement and purchase of materials detailed in the application for project funding (Attachment A).
- Follow their agency's procurement policies to purchase the materials.
- Provide the NEFRC with an acceptable invoice and documentation to reimburse the agency. Documentation required to reimburse would include:
 - Vendor invoice for purchases
 - Proof of payment for purchases (i.e., canceled/void check)
 - Reimbursement request letter from the awarded agency to the NEFRC
- Submit all documentation to NEFRC for reimbursement no later than **January 31, 2024**.
- Reimbursement check from NEFRC must be deposited within 30 days of receipt or by **March 1, 2024**, whichever comes first.

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The NEFRC will:

- Reimburse **Gainesville Fire Rescue** within thirty (30) days of receipt of an acceptable invoice and documentation of the purchase detailed in the application for project funding (Attachment A).

III. Duration of the Agreement

This agreement shall begin upon execution, no later than 90 days of receipt.

The agreement shall end no later than **June 30, 2024**.

This Memorandum of Agreement can be terminated by either party upon no less than 30 days written notice to the other party without cause.

IV. Signatures and Date

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Agreement to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized.

Glenn Shuford
HazMat Captain
Gainesville Fire Rescue

Elizabeth Payne
Chief Executive Officer
Northeast Florida Regional Council

Date

Date

Attachment A

Application for Project Funding

(Project application to follow)



Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Project Submission Form 2023-24

Form ID: 99; Submission ID: 2092

CHAMP, North Central Florida Healthcare Coalition, and Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition

Report Date: 05/27/2023 @ 12:41 EDT

Application Submission is due Wednesday, May 31, 2023

I have read and agree to the Alliance Project Funding Protocol

☒ Yes

☐ No

Select Coalition Membership

☐ CHAMP (Marion)

☒ North Central (Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee, and Union)

☐ Northeast (Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, St. Johns)

Requesting Agency

Gainesville Fire Rescue

Project Name

Infectious disease and Chemical Threats

Person Submitting Project Application

Contact information for project lead.

Name

First

Glenn

Last

Shuford

Phone Number

+13523396291

Organization Address

1026 NE 14th Street Gainesville, FL 32091

Email

Shufordgd@cityofgainesville.org

Person Responsible for Purchasing

Contact information for project purchaser (if different).

Purchaser Name

First

Last

Purchaser Phone Number

Purchaser Email

Type of Project. Check appropriate category.

☐ Training/Education

☒ Supplies/Equipment

☐ Exercise

☐ Other

If other, please explain:

2017-2022 (HPP) Health Care Preparedness & Response Capabilities. Select the capability the project addresses. You may choose more than one.

☒ Capability 1: Foundation for Health & Medical Readiness

☐ Capability 2: Health Care & Medical Response Coordination

☐ Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery

☒ Capability 4: Medical Surge

Describe how your project aligns with the capabilities selected above.

PAPR (powered air-purifying respirators) and FR (flame-resistant) coveralls are both essential items in the framework of public health and medical readiness. The capabilities of PAPR respirators and FR coveralls work in sync to provide unsurpassed protection for health workers, first responders, and those exposed to hazardous conditions or chemical irritants. PAPRs provide a continuous flow of air to the user, filtering out all particles as they pass through the respiratory system. FR clothing, like coveralls, is flame resistant, preventing the rapid spread of fire, which helps to minimize the risk of injury and death in the event of an emergency. Together, PAPR respirators and FR coveralls provide reliable protection, ensuring that those who are exposed to hazardous environments are always well prepared. PAPRs offer a number of advantages over other types of respirators, particularly when used during an infectious disease outbreak. PAPRs provide superior protection from airborne pathogens, including viruses, bacteria, and fungi, due to their combination of high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters.

Specialty Surge Areas. Check the appropriate option if this project aligns with medical surge/trauma mass casualty in those specialty areas.

- ☐ Pediatric Surge
- ☐ Burn
- ☒ Infectious Disease
- ☐ Radiation
- ☒ Chemical

Describe Gap/Need - Provide description of the gap and how it was identified e.g., lessons learned and documented in an After-Action Report/Improvement Plan following an exercise or real-world event activation.

Level A and Level B suits are ideal for responding to HazMat incidents, but they leave you vulnerable to flammable events. Firefighter bunker gear provides protection from flames, but can be permeable to hazardous chemicals.

With an SCBA, you can move down range while accessing compressed air from a safe environment. However, this limits the capability and duration of tasks performed while down range. To extend these operations, a PAPR system can be used instead. Not only does a PAPR system eliminate time restrictions, but it also provides added protection during infectious disease outbreaks.



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Describe how your project will benefit the regional healthcare system.

Having PAPR's and FR coveralls would benefit a regional healthcare system by improving the safety and protection of healthcare and Hazardous Material professionals. PAPR's (powered air purifying respirators) and FR (fire-resistant) clothing provide a layer of personal protective equipment against airborne particles and hazardous materials. These can help reduce exposure to contaminants and keep employees healthy. Additionally, the presence of this personal protective equipment in the healthcare system could also provide a sense of security to patients, as they will feel assured that their caregivers are well-protected against any potential contamination. Finally, PAPR's and FR clothing are long-lasting and can help reduce costs associated with frequently purchasing disposable protective wear.



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Total Funding Requested

\$38,500

What will be purchased? Provide a general list of items to purchase.

Drager X-plore 8000 PAPR kit and Mask- quantity 8

Kappler Insulated FR Coveralls- quantity 40

Describe how the purchase will fill the above identified gap.

Level A and Level B suits are ideal for responding to HazMat incidents, but they leave you vulnerable to flammable events. Firefighter bunker gear provides protection from flames, but can be permeable to hazardous chemicals. The best way to combine the benefits of both is to wear flame-resistant coveralls with Level A vapor protection. This will protect you from both flames and vapor exposure.

With an SCBA, you can move down range while accessing compressed air from a safe environment. However, this limits the capability and duration of tasks performed while down range. To extend these operations, a PAPR system can be used instead. Not only does a PAPR system eliminate time restrictions, but it also provides added protection during infectious disease outbreaks.

Describe how the project will benefit the specialty surge areas (above), if applicable.

PAPRs can help improve the air quality and safety of specialty medical surge areas in a number of ways. The positive pressure generated by PAPRs can help reduce airborne contaminants, reduce cross-contamination. By providing a higher level of air filtration and protection, PAPRs can also help protect those working in or recovering in these areas, as well as reduce the risk of cross-contamination of infectious agents. The extra layer of air filtration can also help reduce the risk of airborne spores and other toxic aerosols, thus decreasing the risk of exposure for both patients and health care workers.

FR Coveralls provide a level of protection against potential hazards that would otherwise not be available. FR Coveralls help improve the safety of specialty medical surge areas by completely protecting the wearer from fire and heat, thereby reducing the risk of burn injuries. FR Coveralls also provide superior comfort to workers due to their breathable and flame retardant material, making them ideal for those working in medical surge areas which require long hours. With FR Coveralls, medical staff have the benefit of being able to move freely without having to worry about their safety or comfort level being compromised. As such, FR Coveralls help ensure that specialty medical surge areas are staffed with safe and comfortable personnel.

Provide any additional information here, if needed, for the review committee.

Other Funding Opportunities - Are there other potential sources of funding for this project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe efforts to obtain other funding for the project.

N/A

Provide estimated timeframe for your agency to complete each phase of the process after receiving notification of funding.

Example: Immediately upon notification of award OR 30 days after notification, etc.

MOA Execution - Approval & Signatures

Within 60 days of notification. MOA will have to be review through City Legal, Signed by City Manager.

Project Procurement - Once MOA is executed, timeframe to complete purchases

Within 30-60 days after MOA Execution. For purchases greater than \$5,000 but less than \$50,000 will have to be processed out for Bid utilizing GovSpend or DemandStar.

Submit Reimbursement Request - Includes invoices, proof or receipt and proof of payment

Within 30 days of delivery.

Local Government Partners ONLY

The NEFRC is aware of county purchasing challenges and will assist, when possible, with the purchasing process. NEFRC purchasing rules apply.

Please describe the assistance needed from the NEFRC to complete your purchases.

Comment(s)