

FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB March 7, 2008

Please submit completed questionnaire to josh.martin@mail.house.gov

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project:

Parkland Health and Hospital System (PHHS) Trauma & Emergency Preparedness Communication System

2. Please describe the project and its purpose:

PHHS is requesting funding to enhance and upgrade existing communication systems to be used for emergency response in the event of a disaster – either natural or man-made. The core of this request is a video-conferencing system that will allow for immediate, real-time communication between the Incident Command Center and satellite locations throughout the area.

3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:

As the lead health care system in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex in the event of a disaster, Parkland must always be ready to respond appropriately. The enhancement of our communication system will give us the capability to respond to a wide range of natural and man made disasters in a timely, measured and appropriate response.

PHHS is requesting a total of \$114,941 broken down as follows

Item	Purpose	Cost
Kenwood KPS-15 DC Switching Power Supply 13.8 vdc at 23 amp (20 @ \$105 each)	Communication at off main campus sites	\$ 2,100
Kenwood tk-8180 Mobile trunked radio (20 @ \$470 each)	Communication at off main campus sites	\$ 9,400
Kenwood KMC-9c desktop mic (11 @ \$59.20 each)	Communication	\$ 651.20
Magnetic antenna mount MNO 13 coax with PL 259 (20 @ \$58 each)	Communication enhancement	\$ 1,160
High gain antenna with MNO 450-520 MHz (20 @ \$34 each)	Communication enhancement	\$ 680
30 ft 50 ohm low loss coax antenna extension coax with male pl-259 connections on both ends (20 @ \$ 65 each)	Communication enhancement	\$ 1,300
Barrel connectors (20 @ \$10 each)	Communication enhancement	\$ 200
Wiring (20 @ \$25 each)	Communication enhancement	\$ 500
Pelican Case 1520 (20 @ \$172 each)	Communication enhancement	\$ 3,400
Radio Harness 3 point (11 @ \$50 each)	Communication enhancement	\$ 550

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26th District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security):

This project will improve the health, safety and welfare Dallas County residents and is in the general public's interest. As Parkland's mission is to treat residents of Dallas County, the communication system will help us respond to any situation within the county. Additionally, the unit may be dispatched, as needed, to disasters throughout the region. Having a state of the art communication system based at Parkland helps to make the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex capable of handling any disaster situation that may occur. Without it, the region is lacking in the ability to be fully prepared to respond. Federal funding for this project will help fulfill CDC's mission of public health emergency preparedness and improve quality of life in the State of Texas.

If Parkland had an internal disaster today, the communication system is not adequate to fully meet the needs of a widespread disaster throughout the county. Efficient and effective communication within our system and disaster response theatre will allow Parkland to coordinate regional or statewide efforts in a more useful manner.

In FY 2007, Parkland had more than 260,000 unique inpatients in addition to roughly 150,000 emergency department visits. During the same time period, Parkland treated 2,448 unique inpatients from the 26th Congressional district.

2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:

Providing for a real-time communications system that will allow for improved coordination and emergency response in the event of a disaster will allow Parkland to coordinate regional or statewide efforts in a more useful manner. As the lead health care system in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex in the event of a disaster, Parkland must always be ready to respond appropriately.

III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:

\$114,941

2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

3. Account from which you are requesting funds:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

Total Project Cost: \$114,941
Federal Share: \$114,941
Non Federal Share: \$PHHS will contribute operations and maintenance costs

Funds have been sought from the Trauma Regional Advisory Council (RAC). However, no decisions have been made. Assuming funds are received, they will be insufficient to purchase all of the requested upgrades to the Parkland communication system.

2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No.

3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

Funds have been sought from the Trauma Regional Advisory Council (RAC). However, no decisions have been made.

4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

At this time, it is not expected that this project will require future funding.

5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

The federal funds will be used to enhance and upgrade existing communication system equipment. Other costs will be paid for by Parkland.

6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

No.

V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

Much local support exists for this project. See attached letter of support from the City of Dallas's Emergency Management Director, Kenny Shaw.

2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

No.

3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.

This project is ready for execution and will conclude within six months of funding.

VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

Steven Bristow
Director, Legislative Affairs

2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

214-590-6182
sbrist@parknet.pmh.org

3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

5201 Harry Hines Blvd
Dallas, TX 75235

VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?

2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, Dr. Ron J. Anderson, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OFParkland Health and Hospital System MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

Name of person certifying Dr. Ron J. Anderson, MDTitle of person certifying President and CEO

Project name as it will appear in the bill

Parkland Health and Hospital System (PHHS) Trauma & Emergency Preparedness Communication System

Legal name of entity making request

Dallas Co. Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Health & Hospital System (PHHS)

Address

5201 Harry Hines Blvd
Dallas, TX 75235

Signature



Date

3/4/2008