



August 15th, 2023

St. Luke's McCall Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Request

To: McCall Memorial Hospital District Board of Trustees

Pursuant to the Healthcare Services Agreement entered into on February 5, 2016, between St. Luke's McCall (SLM) and the McCall Memorial Hospital District (District), SLM hereby requests funding of \$1,300,000 from the District for St. Luke's fiscal year 2024 (10/1/2023 through 9/30/2024) from the M&O levy to support and sustain critical healthcare programs and services.

Funding allocation amounts are as follows:

Construction of Ambulance Shelter and On-Call Staff Living Quarters	(\$1,300,000)
TOTAL	(\$1,300,000)

Ambulance Shelter and Living Quarters

Improving Quality of Care - The funding will be specifically used for costs to build an ambulance shelter and on-call staff living quarters for use by Air St. Luke's staff. For the purpose of improving transfer response time, protecting the current District owned ambulance asset, from the harsh weather elements, and for safely securing and protecting the medications and supplies within the ambulance.

Improving Access to Care - The ambulance on-call staff living quarters will allow for the ability to utilize staff from various locations across Idaho. Staff can be hired and housed during their working shifts in the living quarters associated with the ambulance shelter. Staffing practices across St. Luke's Health System have shown improved recruitment efforts and retention when living quarters are offered while employees are on shift.

What does it mean for the District to fund these services?

Funding this project allows for improved maintenance and protection of the District owned ambulance. It improves response times for transports, as the ambulance will be parked in a heated garage. Currently, the ambulance is parked outside and exposed to the weather elements, which leads to longer response times, due to the time that is needed to clear the ambulance of snow and warm up the vehicle prior to departure. In addition, response time can be delayed due to unloading and reloading temperature sensitive medications and supplies, as they are currently stored inside. This ambulance shelter will also increase security measures for the vehicle.

The ability to offer on-call staff living quarters will improve recruitment efforts and retention of Air St. Luke's employees, which are based on a 24-hour work schedule.

Next steps

SLM respectfully requests \$1,300,000 in funding in FY24 for Ambulance Shelter and On-Call Staff Living Quarters.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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