



Department of
**Finance &
Administration**

Emergency Mental Health Transports Program

Solicitation Training

Welcome and Introduction

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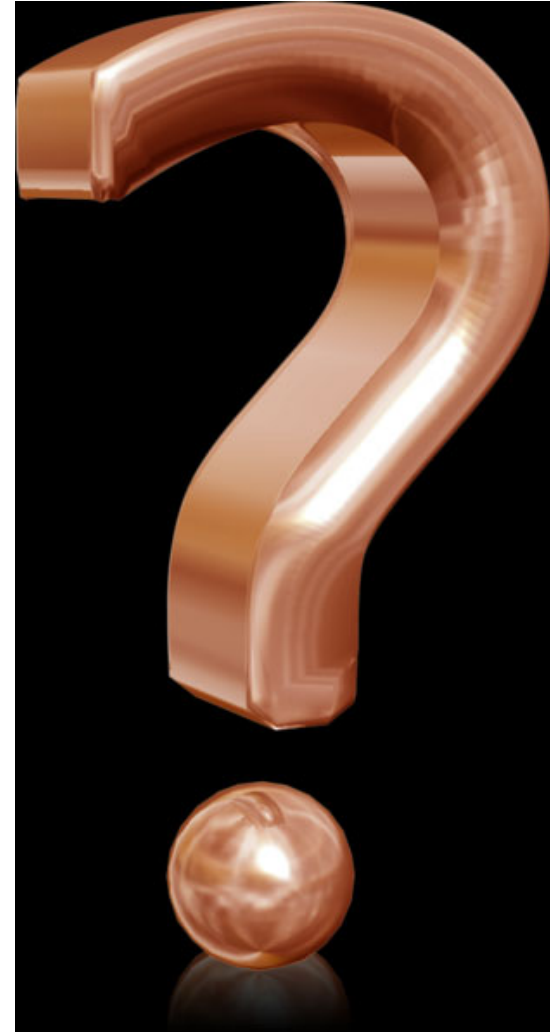


Tennessee Tower – Home of OCJP

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Agenda

- Share Information about FY23 Emergency Mental Health Transportation Solicitation
- Question and Answer Session



Funding

The way funding will be allocated has changed this year:

- **Non-Variable Amount:** Each eligible agency will receive a minimum of \$25,000.00 under this project.
- **Variable Amount:** Each eligible agency will then receive *additional* amount based upon the number of qualifying transports it conducted in FY 2022.

Every agency will receive at least \$25,000.00!

Solicitation Information

- Emergency Mental Health Transportation Program Grant
 - Supplements Sheriffs' budgets for expenses associated with mental health transports (MHT)
 - Endowment model
 - Transport is considered to/from hospital or mental health facility of patients not incarcerated. (Secondary Transport)
- Allowable Costs
 - Unmarked Vehicle / vehicle kits
 - Vehicle Cameras
 - Fuel/Mileage (\$.0.58 per mile)
 - Maintenance
 - Time/Labor
 - Uniforms/Unmarked Jackets
 - Subcontracting Expenses
 - Training
 - Other expenses related to Emergency Mental Health Transportation

Solicitation Information

- Intent to Apply are due June 30, 2022
- Application is due June 30, 2022
- Must include number of transports from FY21
- Agencies who do their own transports will need to use unmarked cars and soft uniforms
- Agencies will need to have a Humane Transport policy in place
- New agency grace period – 12/31/22
- Inmate transports do not apply
- Training

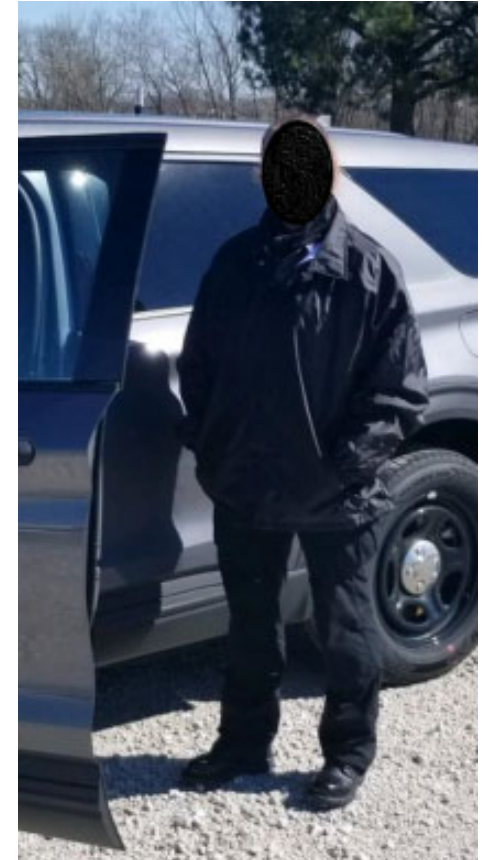
Western Mental Health Institute



Unmarked cars



“Soft” Uniforms



Contracting

- Intent to Apply are due June 30, 2022
- Contracts will be backdated to begin July 1, 2022
- Contracts will be used prior to September 30, 2022
- “Other Grant Funds” are for sources of income other than your annual budget devoted to Mental Health Transport (grants, donations, etc).

Humane Transport Policies

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Humane Transport Policy

- I. AUTHORITY: TCA § 33-6-404, TCA § 33-6-406, and TCA § 33-6-901
- II. PURPOSE: To guide the process of law enforcement mental health training, provide policy for humane transport for individuals in need of involuntary psychiatric hospitalization, and establish a standard for the least restrictive processes to be employed when transporting persons to mental health treatment facilities in a manner that does not criminalize, stigmatize, nor retraumatize those in need of care while ensuring the safety and security of all involved in the transport process. This policy is designed to address individuals who are not under arrest and are being transported pursuant to a certificate of need for emergency involuntary hospitalization issued in accordance with TCA § 33-6-404
- III. APPLICATION: Deputies or their assigned designee involved in transporting individuals who are in need of involuntary psychiatric hospitalization and have received a Certificate of Need for Emergency Treatment and Transportation as outlined Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-6-404. This policy applies to non-custodial transports only.
- IV. DEFINITIONS:
 - A. Certificate of Need: A physician, psychologist, or designated professional has examined the person and decided the person is subject to emergency involuntary admission to a hospital or treatment resource under TCA § 33-6-403, has completed a certificate of need form for the emergency

Policy Sections:

1. Authority
2. Purpose
3. Application
4. Definitions
5. Policy Statement
6. Procedures
 - a. Personnel (training)
 - b. Operations
 - c. Vehicles
 - d. Searches
 - e. Restraints
 - f. Reporting

Training

POST Certified
Deputies

Corrections
Officers

Jail Deputies

Performs Transports

**Training
Required**

POST Certified
Deputies

Corrections
Officers

Jail Deputies

**Does Not Perform
Transports**

**No Training
Necessary**

Sub-Contracting

- Subcontractors must be Basic Life Support certified, or the subcontractor must meet the criteria listed in TCA 33-6-901 and all of the items in section 3.1.7 of the solicitation.
- If an agency subcontracts, it does not have to purchase unmarked cars and soft uniforms.
- OCJP must have a copy of subcontract on file.



Scope of Services

A. AGENCY INFORMATION

- A.1. Is your agency a Tennessee county Sheriff's Office or a metropolitan county police department that has been designated through charter or ordinance to provide a method of transport for citizens to treatment centers in accordance with TCA §33-6-406? If you are a metropolitan county police department that has been designated thru charter or ordinance to provide this service instead of the Sheriff's office, you must include a copy of your charter or ordinance.
- A.2. Does your agency currently possess a formal agreement to provide mental health transportation as described in TCA § 33-6-406 for another jurisdiction?
- A.2.1 If you answered yes to A.2., please provide the name of the jurisdiction(s) you provide transportation for.
- A.2.2 If you answered yes to A.2., please note that you **must include the executed written agreement** to provide those services with your application packet.

B. INPUTS

- B.1. From July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021 how many transports did your agency provide under TCA § 33-6-406 for your jurisdiction or in combination with another jurisdiction that you have a formal agreement with (see A.2.). Please only include those transports made of individuals that were not incarcerated or being held in the jail at the time of transport. Please only include those transports that were made from a hospital, public, or private address where the person being transported was not in custody for a pending charge or conviction.

Scope of Services

- B2. From July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021, how many transports did you agency provide under TCA § 33-6-406 for your jurisdiction or in combination with another jurisdiction that you have a formal agreement with (see A.2) where the individual was incarcerated. If not applicable, please mark this as N/A and note why. These individuals would not qualify under this program.
- B.3 How many positions does your agency have dedicated for performing emergency mental health transports? If your agency does not have dedicated staff to perform these transports, please list how many employees your agency has that would be assigned to complete emergency mental health transport, and describe those employee's positions (e.g. POST certified road patrol deputy, corrections officer who is not POST certified, etc.). If your agency will utilize a third-party subcontractor to do these transports (e.g. Amerimed or G4S, etc.), please describe your process.



Questions and Answers