



FY 2022 - 2026

EMSAVE

EMS AGENCY VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT GRANT REPORT



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Executive Summary

Resulting from the 1999 Legislative session, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (hereafter referred to as “the Bureau”) was charged with the responsibility of distributing funds through the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Account III Grant (Appendix D) to qualifying EMS agencies in the state of Idaho. These funds are collected from Idaho driver’s license fees. This grant program enables Idaho EMS agencies to acquire vehicles and patient care equipment for their communities that they might not have been able to afford otherwise.

To be eligible, EMS agencies must be either governmental or non-profit, and part of the 911 response system. Application information includes data points which, when evaluated and scored, give priority to agencies with larger proportions of volunteer personnel, larger response areas, and older existing resources. For FY2026, of the 190 licensed agencies in Idaho, all but 47 were eligible to apply. From FY2022 – FY2026, 35 ambulances and non-transport vehicles and over 3,000 pieces of equipment have been funded.

Background and Grant Overview

In the late 1990's, conversations began in North Central Idaho with local providers and state legislators addressing the need for EMS resources in rural areas. In 2000, the Idaho Legislature created the EMS Account III Grant, to provide vehicles and equipment for EMS personnel in the performance of their duties. The grant is funded by a \$1 a year fee on each Idaho driver’s license. The first grant funds were awarded to eligible Idaho EMS agencies in 2001.

Each year, grant applications are made available in January to eligible Idaho EMS agencies and are due back to the Bureau June 1st. Applicants receive notification of their application status in July and all money is distributed to awardees prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Ambulances generally cost more than medical rescue or extrication vehicles. Although a significant number of aging vehicles have been replaced during the 24 years of this grant program, there continues to be a significant need for emergency vehicle funding due to population growth, increased incident response, and the ever-rising cost of emergency vehicles. All eligible Idaho EMS agencies are encouraged to apply. The bureau provides multiple webinars to walk applicants through the application process, communicate any changes, and answer questions.

Scoring Criteria

The details provided by the agency in the grant application and agency's data in our licensing management system are the two primary sources of information used for scoring applications. For both vehicles and equipment, greater weight is assigned to those conditions which indicate a greater need (Appendix A, B, and C).

Qualifications

To apply, Idaho EMS agencies must:

- Be a non-profit or governmental entity and part of the 911 response system
- Hold a current license as an ambulance or non-transport service issued by the State of Idaho
- Demonstrate a need based on criteria established by the Bureau
- Submit application, documents, and narratives by the deadline



Grant Changes/Additions

FY 2022

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, its persistence, and impacts to EMS agencies throughout Idaho, the application deadline was extended to June 1, 2021. Previously, Idaho Code 56-108b allowed grant funds to be used solely for the purchase of EMS vehicles and equipment. The 2022 legislative session amended the list of allowable items that can be purchased with grants funds to include communication technology, dispatch services, and costs (not to include personnel salaries) associated with the provision of EMS. See Appendix D for the change in code language.

FY 2023

There were more funds awarded to equipment than vehicles due to changes in award acceptance. An initial supplemental award for \$27,512 for a vehicle was offered to an agency, but the agency declined. That amount was then allocated to different agencies for equipment.

FY 2024

There were no substantial changes to the process, the awarded amounts/limits, or the application process from the previous grant cycle.

FY 2025

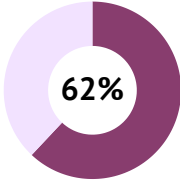
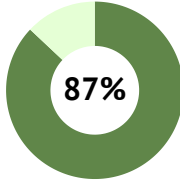
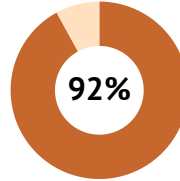
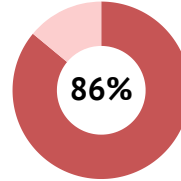
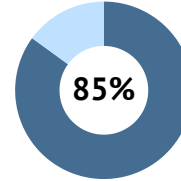
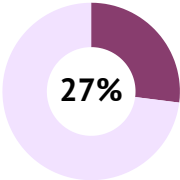
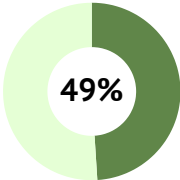
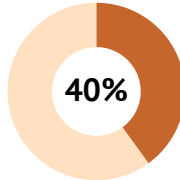
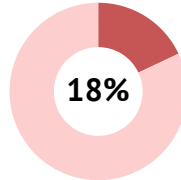
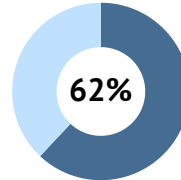
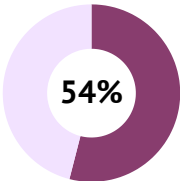
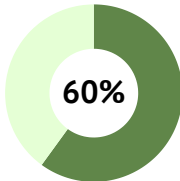
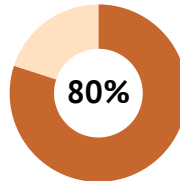
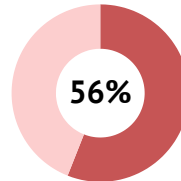
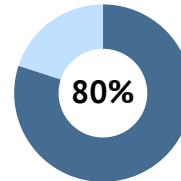
This grant year marked the first year that remount vehicles were not eligible to purchase with grant funds.

FY 2026

The 50/50 split between equipment and vehicles was changed to 60% for vehicles and 40% for equipment. Price caps were increased 5% to equipment and vehicles, excluding non-transport vehicles. The requirement for an endorsement letter for equipment applications can be waived if a justification letter, approved by the Bureau, is attached to the application. This will keep the application eligible for scoring. The justification letter will result in a reduction in scoring due to the missing endorsement. Between the application evaluation period of the grant, legislation moved the Bureau from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) to the Idaho Military division. With this transition, there were changes in procedure and processing.



TABLE 1: FIVE YEAR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BREAKDOWN

	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Grant Funds Requested	\$ 5,198,370	\$ 3,141,748	\$ 3,182,329	\$ 5,990,251	\$ 2,488,100
Grant Funds Awarded	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000
# of Agencies Requesting Funds	66	53	50	63	55
# of Agencies Awarded Funds	41	46	46	54	47
% of Agencies Awarded Funds					
Number of Vehicles Requested	22	10	14	30	14
Number of Vehicles Awarded	7	6	7	6	9
\$ of Vehicles Requested	\$ 3,248,835	\$ 1,733,300	\$ 2,120,961	\$ 4,461,174	\$ 1,660,199
\$ of Vehicles Awarded	\$ 876,159	\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 822,488	\$ 1,034,415
% of Requested Funds Awarded for Vehicles					
Pieces (#) of Equipment Requested	2,081*	249	249	241	234
Pieces (#) of Equipment Awarded	2,045	163	151	144	192
\$ of Equipment Requested	\$ 1,527,865	\$ 1,408,418	\$ 1,061,367	\$ 1,529,077	\$ 827,901
Pieces (#) of Equipment Awarded	\$ 823,841	\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 854,000	\$ 665,585
% of Requested Funds Awarded for Equipment					

*The increased total equipment is due to an agency requesting a large quantity of RFID tracking tags for equipment



FIGURE 1: FY 2026 VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT AWARDS BY AGENCY

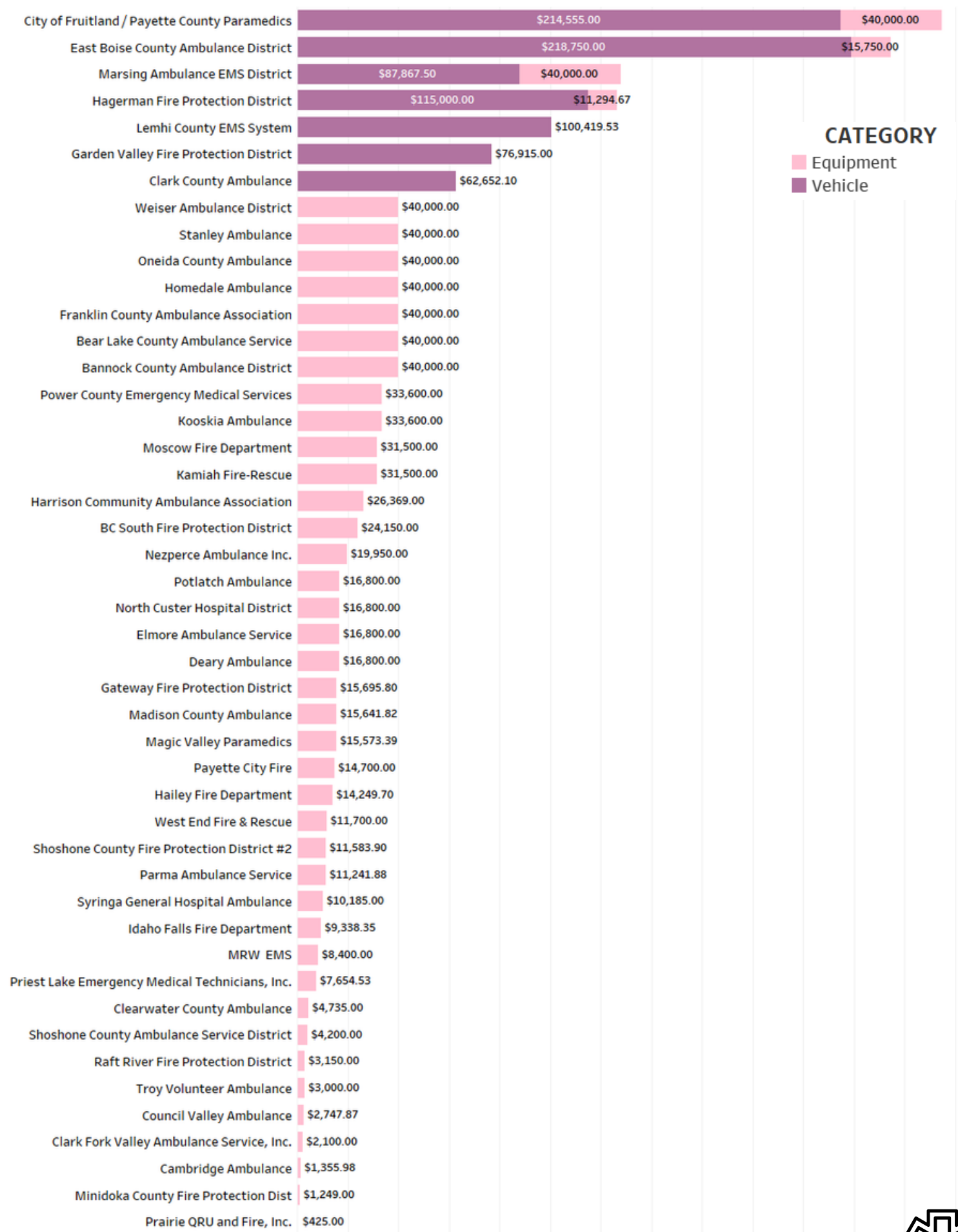


TABLE 2: FIVE YEAR VEHICLE REQUESTS AND AWARDS BY COUNTY

County	FY26		FY25		FY24		FY23		FY22		TOTAL	
	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Ada	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Adams	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	2
Bannock	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	2
Bear Lake	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	1
Benewah	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bingham	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	1
Blaine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Boise	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3
Bonner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonneville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boundary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Camas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1
Canyon	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Caribou	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Cassia	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	2
Clark	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Clearwater	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Custer	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	1
Elmore	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Franklin	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	5	3
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gem	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Gooding	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
Idaho	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	5	1
Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Jerome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kootenai	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Latah	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Lemhi	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	4	2
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minidoka	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
Nez Perce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oneida	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Owyhee	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	2
Payette	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Power	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Shoshone	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	0
Teton	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	0
Twin Falls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	1
FY Totals	21	7	10	6	14	7	30	6	14	9	89	35

R = REQUESTS
A = AWARDS


FIGURE 2: FY2022-2026 FIVE-YEAR EMSAVE VEHICLE REQUESTS BY COUNTY MAP

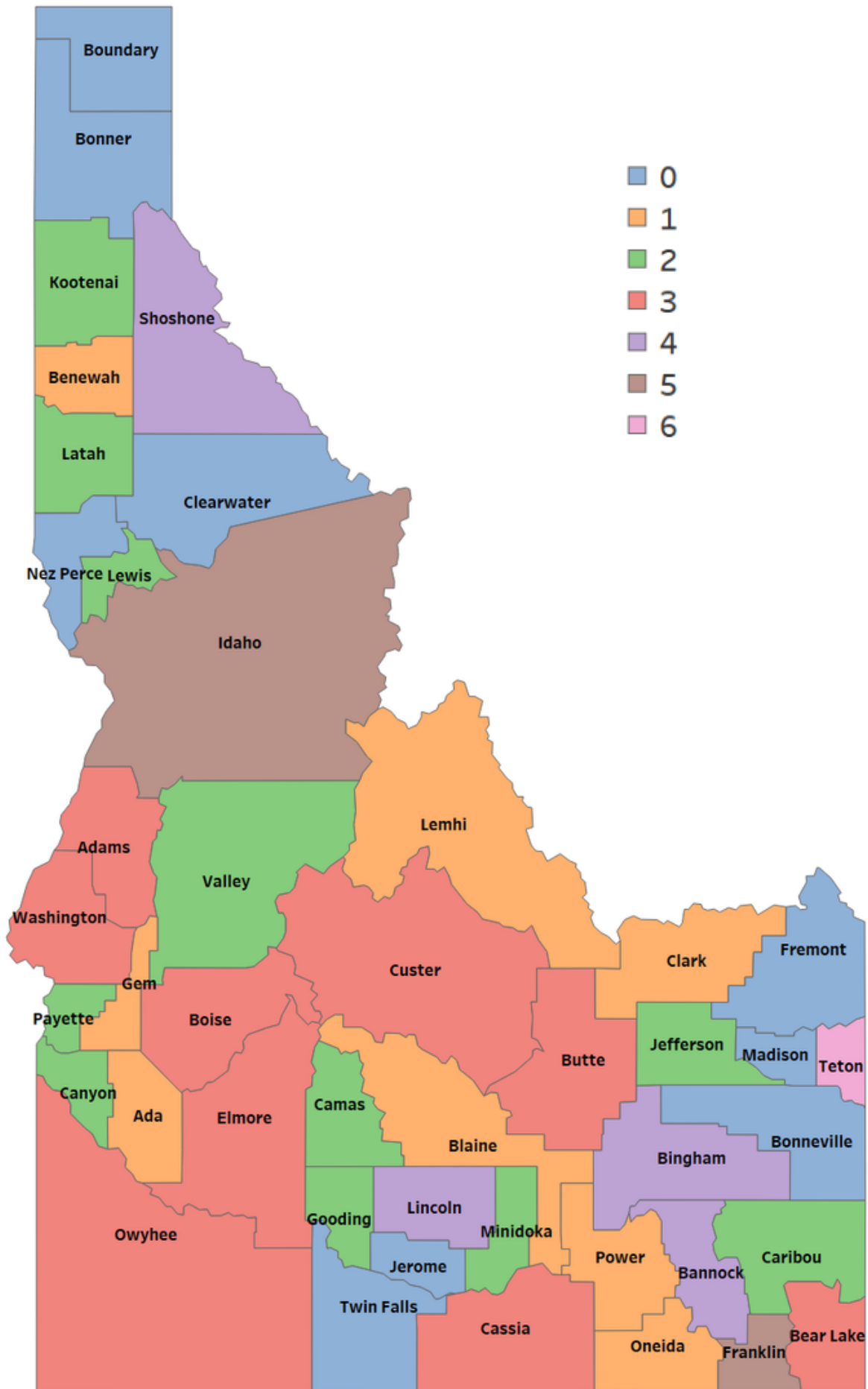


FIGURE 3: MAP/TABLE OF FY 2026 VEHICLE DISBURSEMENTS

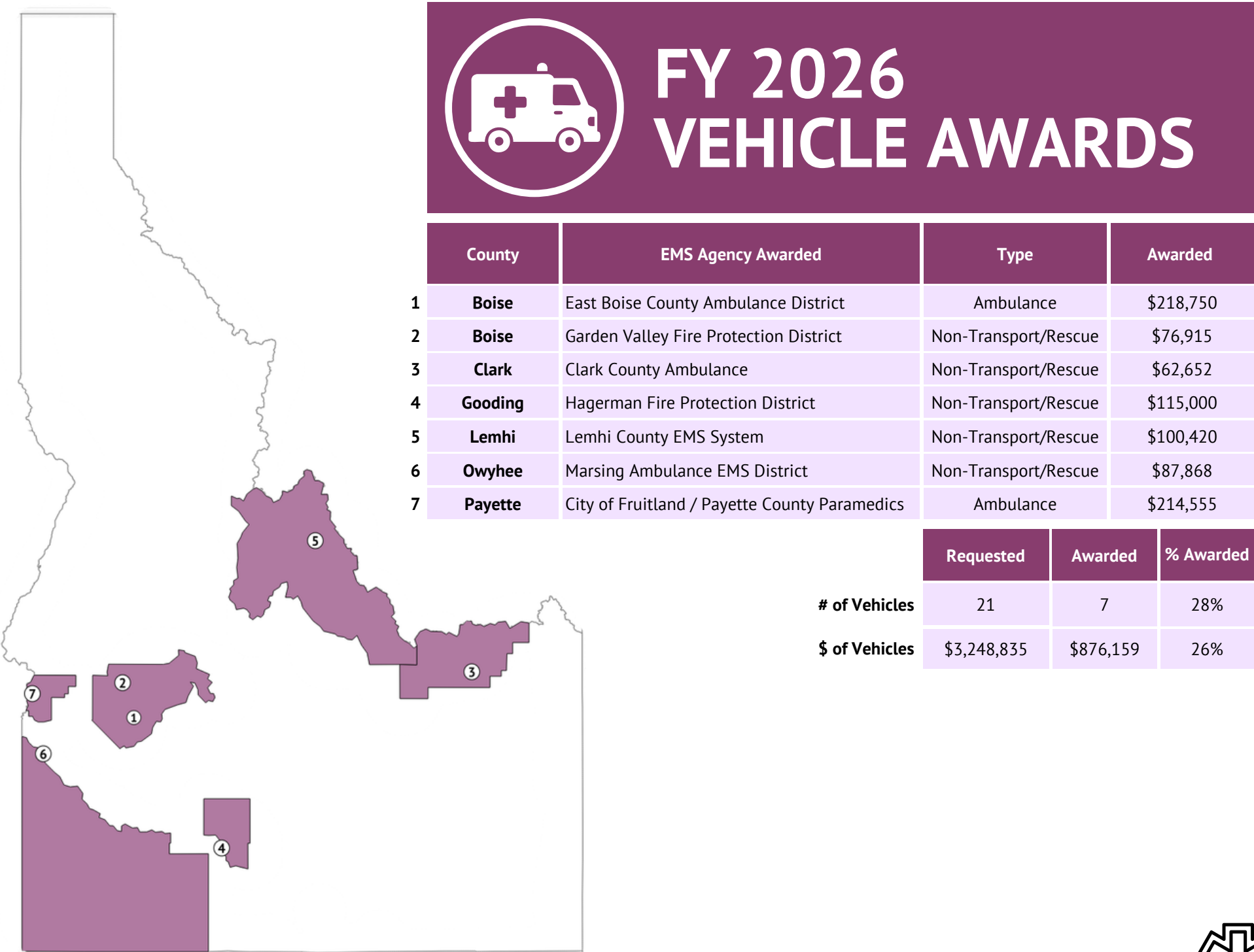


FIGURE 4: MAP/TABLE OF FY 2025 VEHICLE DISBURSEMENTS

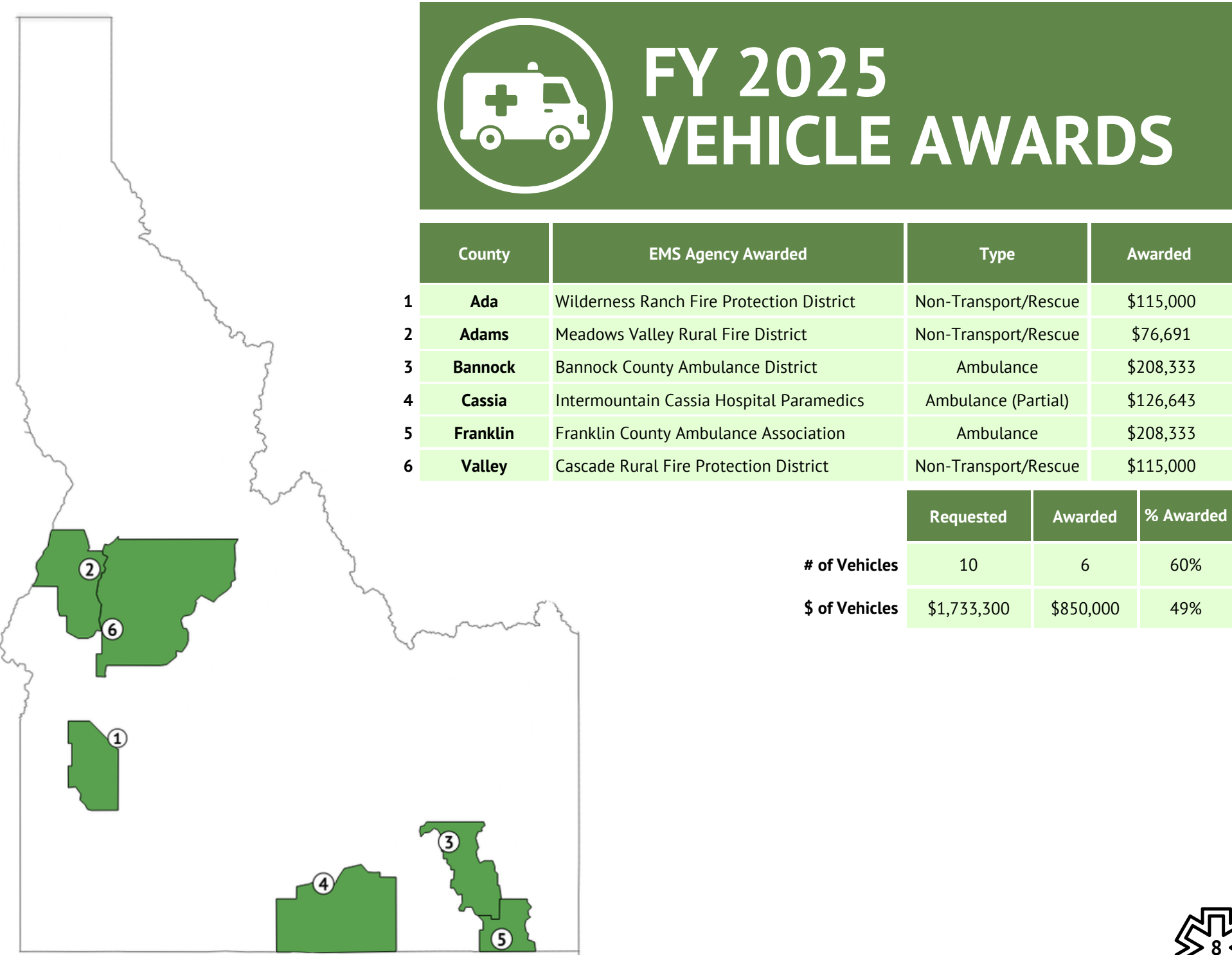


FIGURE 5: MAP/TABLE OF FY 2024 VEHICLE DISBURSEMENTS



FY 2024 VEHICLE AWARDS

	County	EMS Agency Awarded	Type	Awarded
1	Adams	Council Valley Ambulance	Ambulance	\$185,000
2	Bear Lake	Bear Lake County Ambulance Service	Modified SUV	\$51,260
3	Lincoln	Lincoln County EMS	Ambulance	\$100,877.50
4	Minidoka	Emergency Response Ambulance	Ambulance (Partial)	\$79,034.50
5	Minidoka	West End Fire & Rescue	Modified SUV	\$63,828
6	Payette	City of Fruitland / Payette County Paramedics	Ambulance	\$185,000
7	Power	Power County Emergency Medical Services	Ambulance	\$185,000

	Requested	Awarded	% Awarded
# of Vehicles	14	7	50%
\$ of Vehicles	\$2,120,961	\$850,000	40%

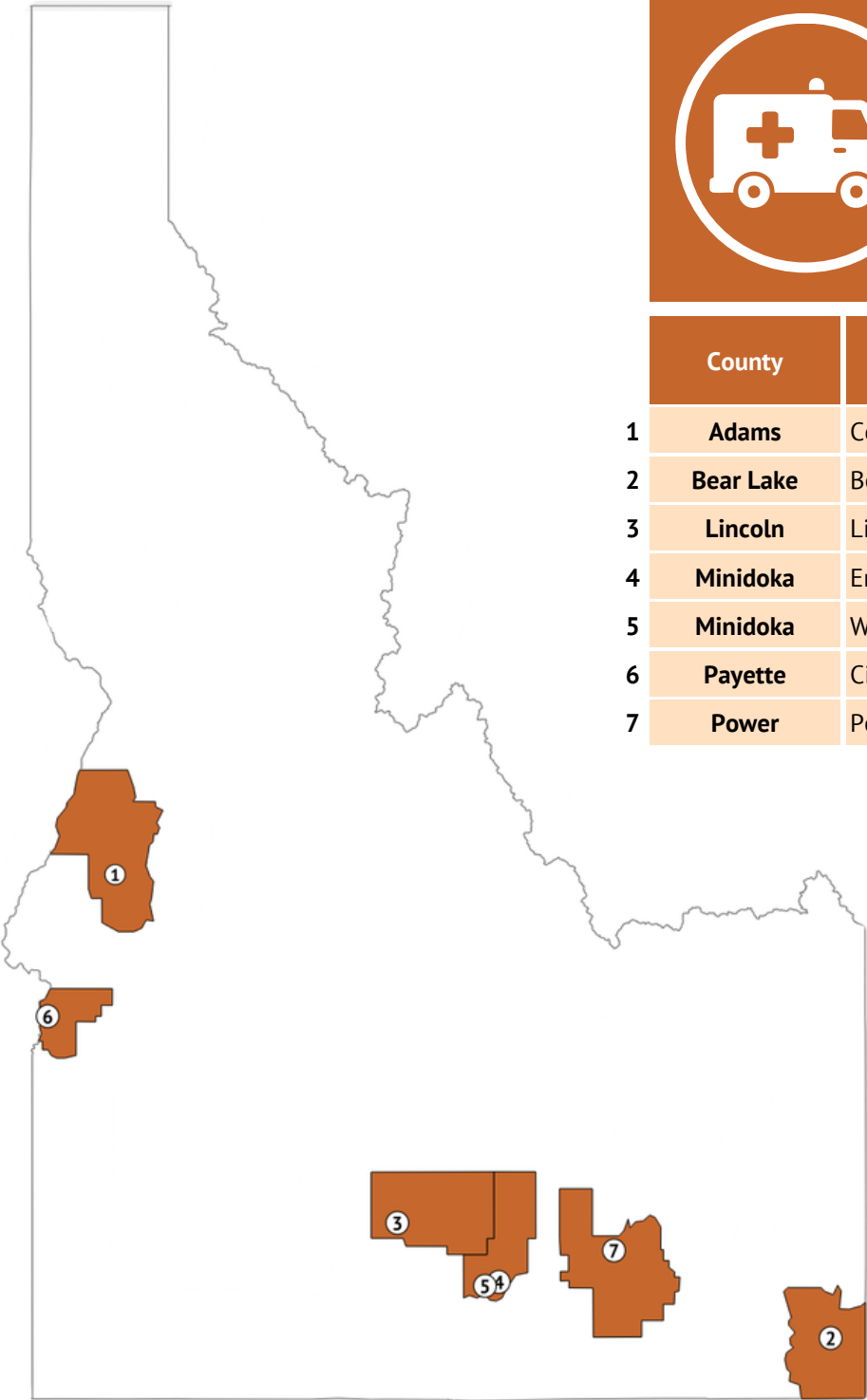
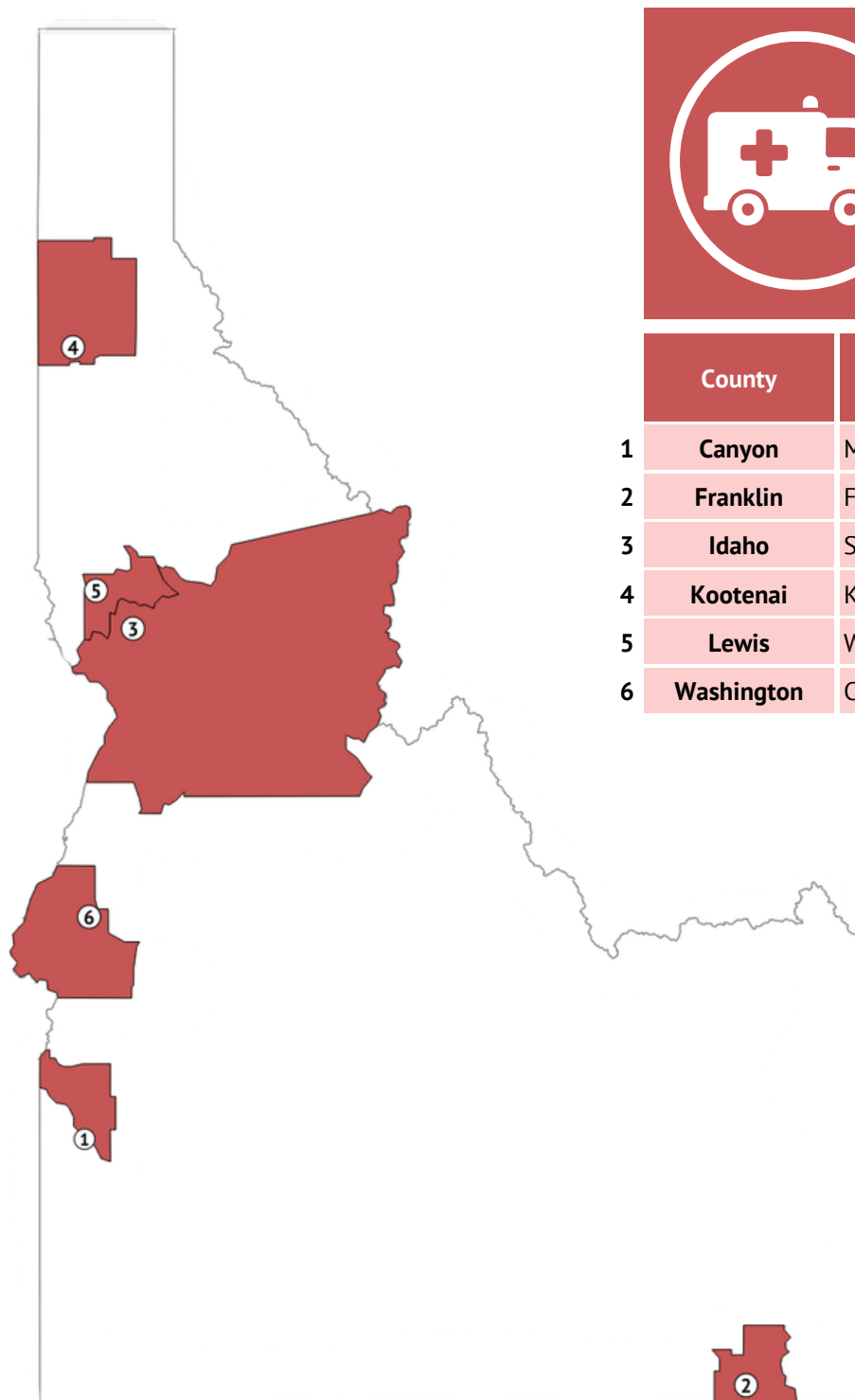


FIGURE 6: MAP/TABLE OF FY 2023 VEHICLE DISBURSEMENTS



FY 2023 VEHICLE AWARDS

	County	EMS Agency Awarded	Type	Awarded
1	Canyon	MRW EMS	Modified SUV	\$67,487.63
2	Franklin	Franklin County Ambulance Association	Ambulance	\$185,000
3	Idaho	St. Mary's Hospital Ambulance	Ambulance	\$185,000
4	Kootenai	Kootenai County EMS	Ambulance (Remount)	\$125,000
5	Lewis	Winchester QRU	Modified SUV	\$75,000
6	Washington	Cambridge Ambulance	Ambulance	\$185,000

	Requested	Awarded	% Awarded
# of Vehicles	30	6	20%
\$ of Vehicles	\$4,461,174	\$822,487	18%



FIGURE 7: MAP/TABLE OF FY 2022 VEHICLE DISBURSEMENTS



FY 2022 VEHICLE AWARDS

	County	EMS Agency Awarded	Type	Awarded
1	Bannock	Bannock County Ambulance District	Ambulance	\$140,000
2	Bingham	Blackfoot Fire Department	Ambulance	\$140,000
3	Boise	East Boise County Ambulance District	Ambulance	\$140,000
4	Camas	Camas County Ambulance	Ambulance	\$140,000
5	Cassia	Intermountain Cassia Hospital Paramedics	Ambulance (Partial)	\$32,872
6	Custer	South Custer County Ambulance	Ambulance	\$102,000
7	Franklin	Franklin County Ambulance Association	Ambulance (Remount)	\$140,000
8	Lincoln	Dietrich Quick Response Unit, Inc.	Modified SUV	\$59,542
9	Valley	Cascade Rural Fire Protection District	Ambulance	\$140,000

	Requested	Awarded	% Awarded
# of Vehicles	14	9	64%
\$ of Vehicles	\$1,660,199	\$1,034,414	62%

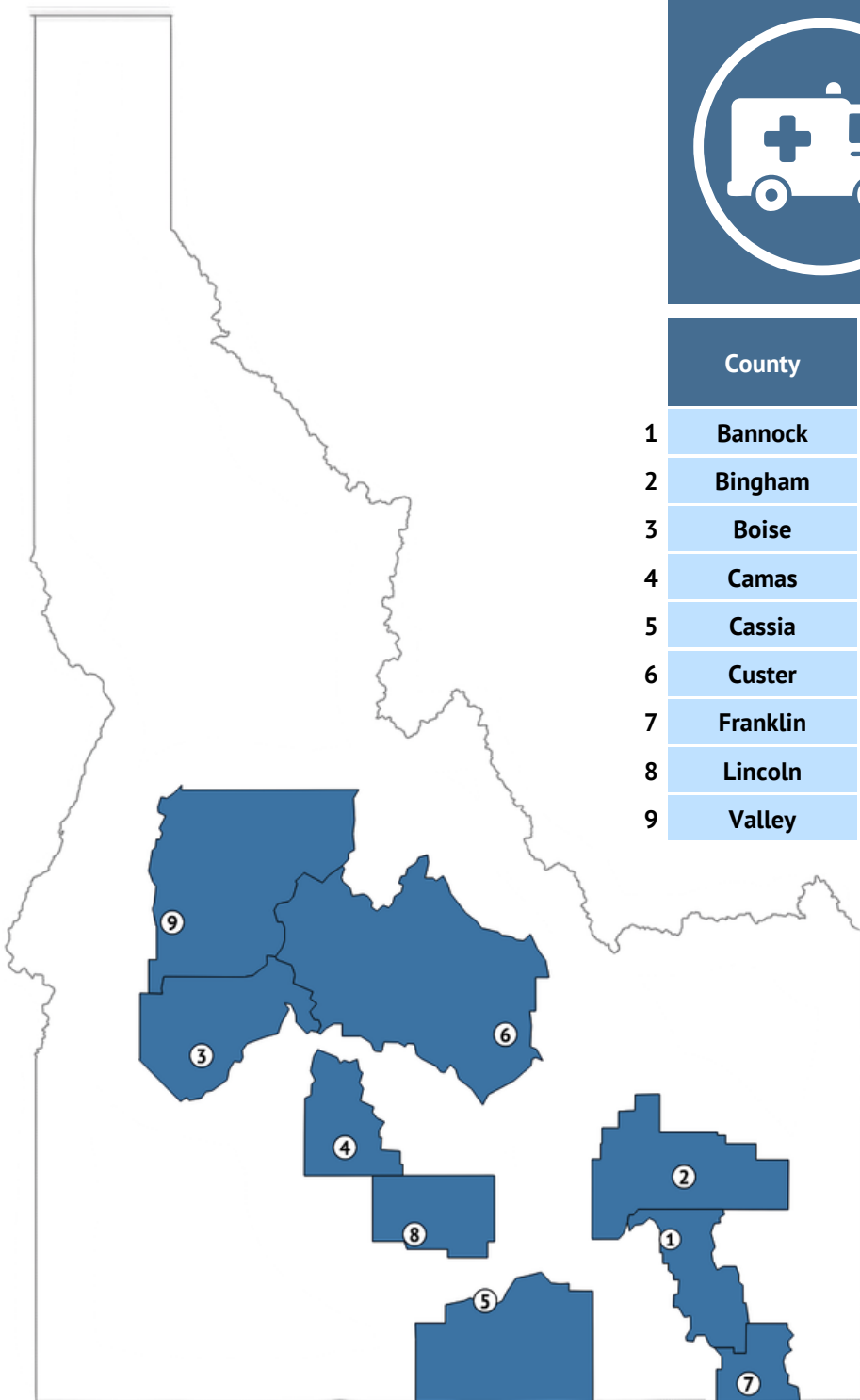


TABLE 3: EQUIPMENT CATEGORIES AND TYPES

PATIENT TREATMENT	PATIENT MOVEMENT
• Splint/Splint Kit • Jump Kit • Transport Ventilator • Vital Signs Monitor • Pelvic Sling • Blood Glucose Meter • Pulse Oximeter • Stethoscope • Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) • Equipment Bags • Triage Kit • Stop the Bleed Kit • Tourniquet • Suction Unit • Video Laryngoscope Kit • Oxygen Administration Kit • IV Warmer	• Gurney Load System • Upgrade Kit • Vacuum Immobilizer • Spine Board • Res-Q Trailer • Stair Chair • Stretcher • Bariatric Transfer Flat • Rescue Stretcher System
EXTRICATION	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)
• Extrication Combi Package • Tools • Strut Kits • Edraulic Spreader • Extrication Pump • Stabilization Kit/Set • Batteries/Charger • Car Kit • Telescopic Ram Kit	• Rescue PPE • Harness • Helmets • Coveralls • Vests • Boots • Pants • Jackets • Goggles • Gloves • Hoods • Ice Rescue Package
ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (ECG)	COMMUNICATION
• ECG	• Computer/Laptop • Pagers • Portable Radios • Mobile Router System
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)	OTHER
• AED	• RFID Tracking Tags • Oxygen Cylinder • Thermal Imaging Camera • Vehicular Power Inverter • Scene Lighting • Light Box • Fire Extinguisher • Rearview Backing Camera • Liquid Suspension Retrofit • MME Battery Charger
CARDIAC MONITOR	
• Cardiac Monitor	
MECHANICAL CPR DEVICE	
• Mechanical CPR Device	



FIGURE 8: FY 2026 (EQUIPMENT CATEGORY, QUANTITY AWARDED, AND \$ AMOUNT)

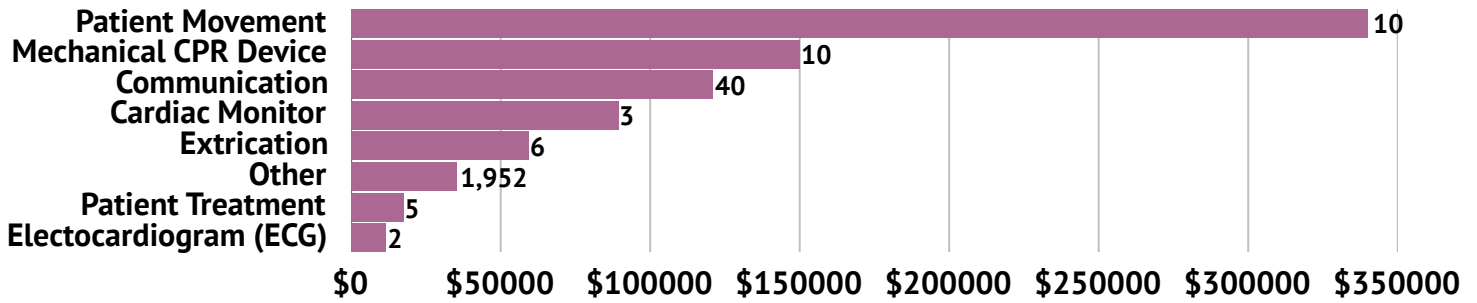


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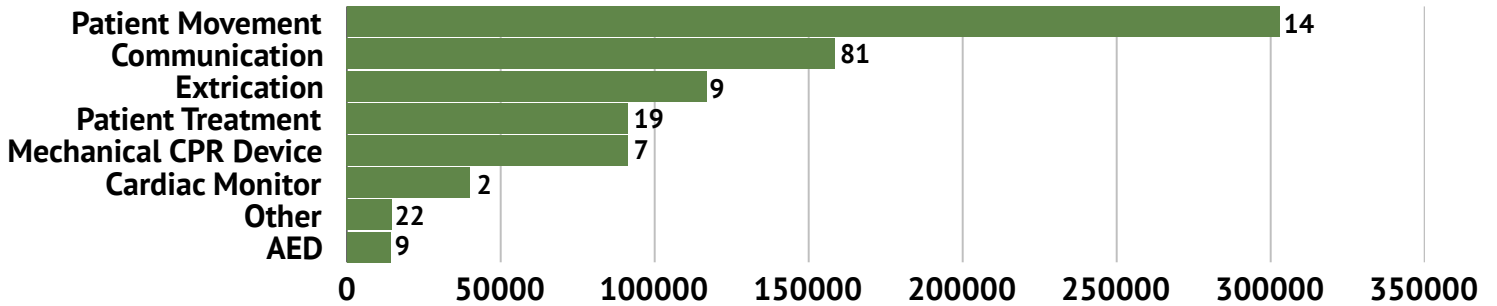


FIGURE 10: FY 2024 (EQUIPMENT CATEGORY, QUANTITY AWARDED, AND \$ AMOUNT)

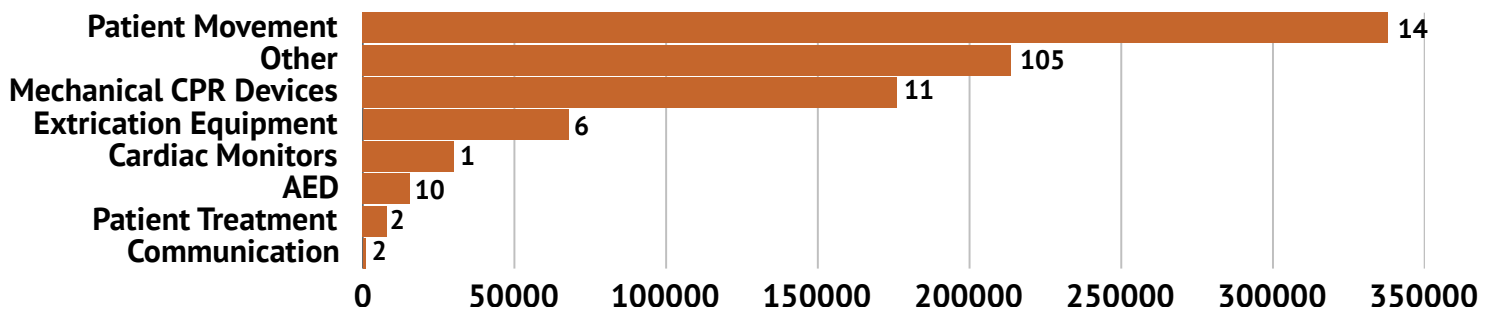


FIGURE 11: FY 2023 (EQUIPMENT CATEGORY, QUANTITY AWARDED, AND \$ AMOUNT)

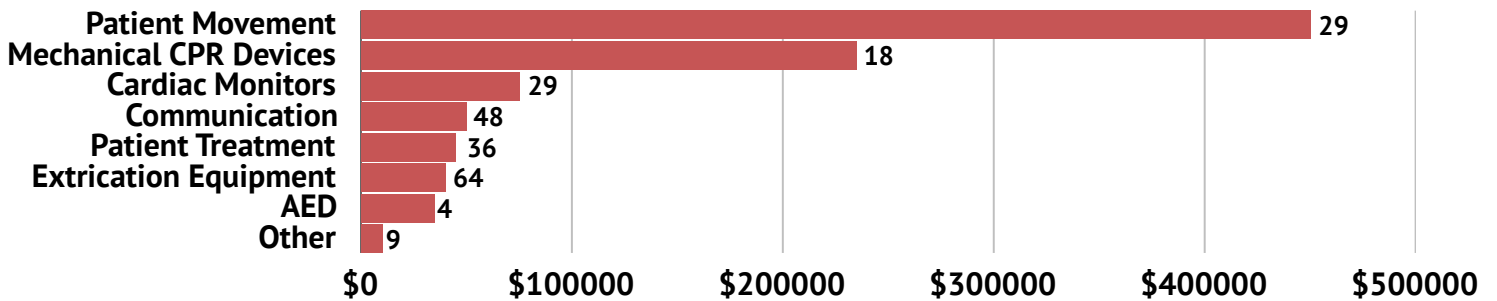
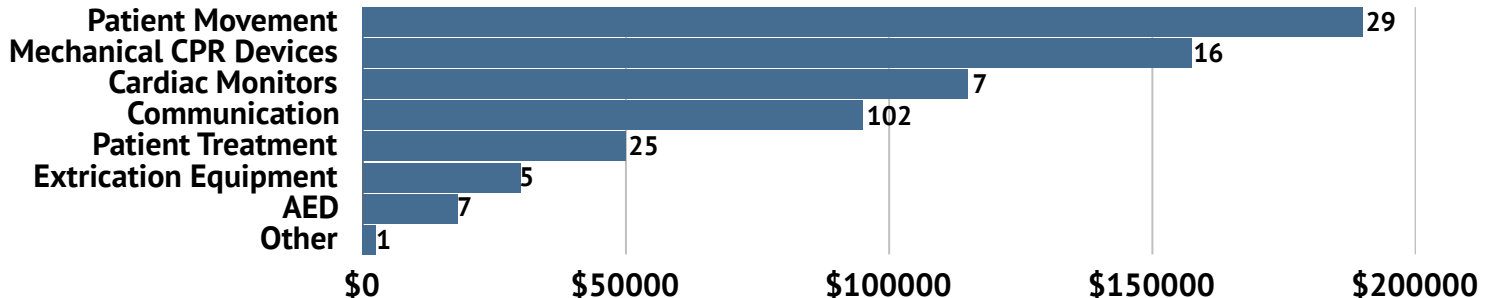


FIGURE 12: FY 2022 (EQUIPMENT CATEGORY, QUANTITY AWARDED, AND \$ AMOUNT)



Conclusion

During FY2022-FY2026, a total of 35 vehicles and over 3000 pieces of equipment were awarded to agencies throughout Idaho. There were \$4,433,062 awarded for vehicles and \$4,043,426 awarded for equipment during this span.

For 24 years, the EMSAVE grant has provided funding to Idaho EMS agencies and given these agencies the opportunity to purchase emergency vehicles and patient care equipment that they may not have been able to afford otherwise.

If there are any questions about the application or the process, please contact Idaho Bureau of EMS at 208-334-4000.

FIVE-YEAR RECAP

**87 AGENCIES AWARDED FUNDS ACROSS
23 COUNTIES**



**\$4,433,062 AWARDED FOR
35 VEHICLES**



**\$4,043,426 AWARDED FOR
3,000+ PIECES OF EQUIPMENT**



Appendices

APPENDIX A. DEFINITIONS

For Vehicles, and where applicable, points awarded are set in comparison to the highest points for that category in each grant cycle. For example:

- Greater mileage of similar vehicle(s) in active use. The Maximum is set from the agency listing the largest number of miles on similar vehicles currently in use on their application in this grant cycle. (During the FY08 Grant cycle, this maximum number was 597,269 miles)
- Greater age of vehicle being replaced. The Maximum is set from the agency replacing the oldest similar vehicle in this grant cycle. (During the FY08 Grant cycle, this maximum number was 29 years old)
- Change in deployment ratio. This is used only when an agency is adding to their fleet. The formula is derived from the change in deployment by the addition of a new vehicle based on the square miles in the agency response area and the population. (In the FY08 Grant cycle, this base number was 0.009)

DR Change = change in Area DR + change in Population DR

- Change in Area DR = [# of similar items post change / area] – [# of similar items pre change / area]
- Change in Population DR = [# of similar items post change / per capita] – [# of similar items pre change / per capita]

Equipment Sub-total = [(Equip Age / MAX Equip Age *15) + (1 / Similar Items + 1 *5) + (Equip Dist / MAX Equip Dist *2.5) + (Equip Time / MAX Equip Time *2.5)] / [MAX Sub-total points] *1



APPENDIX B. VEHICLES - WEIGHTING FACTORS, EXPLANATIONS, AND POINTS

Greater mileage of similar vehicle(s) in active use

- Mileage points = $[\text{total similar miles in applicant fleet} / \text{MAX (total similar miles in applicant fleet)}] * 15$
- Max Points: 15

Greater age of vehicle being replaced (replacing vehicle)

- Age Points = $[\text{total age of similar vehicles in applicant fleet} / \text{MAX (total age of similar vehicles in applicant fleet)}] * 15$
- Max Points: 15

Change in deployment ratio (adding vehicle)

- Deployment Ratio Points = $[\text{Applicant |DR change|} / \text{MAX |DR change|}] * 15$
- Max Points: 15

Fleet

- Fleet Points = $[1 / \text{total fleet vehicles}] * 10$
- Max Points: 10

Fiscal (non-tax funding)

- Fiscal Points = $[\text{non-tax income} / \text{total income}] * 10$
- Max Points: 10

Prevalence of volunteers

- Volunteer Points = $[\# \text{ EMS Lic volunteers} / \# \text{ EMS Lic volunteers} + \text{Lic career staff}] * 10$
- Max Points: 10

Local governmental endorsement

- Endorsement Points = $[1 \text{ or more endorsements accompanying application}] = 5$
- Max Points: 5

Narrative of need and lack of funds

- Narrative Points = mean of narrative scores submitted by reviewers for application (10 points possible)
- Max Points: 10

Previous award of vehicle

- Previous award of vehicle = $[\text{most recent grant award of vehicle}]$ 1-5 points available based on most recent award (most recent getting a lower score)
- Max Points: 5

EMS response type

- EMS Response Type = $[\# \text{ 9-1-1 scene responses} / \# \text{ total responses}] * 10$
- Max Points: 10



APPENDIX C. EQUIPMENT - WEIGHTING FACTORS, EXPLANATIONS, AND POINTS

Anticipated use of item

- Anticipated Equipment Use Points = $[(\text{Anticipated Use \#} / \text{Call Volume}) / \text{MAX} (\text{Anticipated Use \#} / \text{Call Volume})] * 15$
- Max Points: 15

Duration of use per call

- Equipment Duration Points = $[\text{Time per use} / \text{MAX Time per use}] * 15$
- Max Points: 15

Change in deployment ratio (adding vehicle)

- Deployment Ratio Points = $[\text{Applicant |DR change|} / \text{MAX |DR change|}] * 15$
- Max Points: 15

Fiscal (non-tax funding)

- Fiscal Points = $[\text{non-tax income} / \text{total income}] * 10$
- Max Points: 10

Prevalence of volunteers

- Volunteer Points = $[\# \text{ EMS Lic volunteers} / \# \text{ EMS Lic volunteers} + \text{Lic career staff}] * 10$
- Max Points: 10

Local governmental endorsement

- Endorsement Points = $[1 \text{ or more endorsements accompanying application}] = 5$
- Max Points: 5
 - A justification letter, if approved by the Bureau, can waive the need for the endorsement. This will keep the application eligible, but no points will be awarded.

Narrative of need and lack of funds

- Narrative Points = mean of narrative scores submitted by reviewers for application (10 points possible)
- Max Points: 10

Applicant Equipment Points

- $[\text{Equip Age Pts.} + \text{Similar Equip Pts.} + \text{Equip Dist. Pts.} + \text{Equip Time Pts.} / \text{MAX Sub-total Pts}] * 15$
 - Equipment Age Points = $[\text{Similar Item age} / \text{MAX Similar Item age}] * 5$
 - Equipment Distance Points = $[\text{Similar Item Distance} / \text{MAX distance}] * 2.5$
 - Equipment Time Points = $[\text{Similar equipment access time} / \text{MAX similar item access time}] * 2.5$
 - Equipment Availability Points = $[1 / \text{similar items} + 1] * 5$
- Max Points: 15



APPENDIX D. EMS ACCOUNT III STATUTE

TITLE 46 MILITIA AND MILITARY AFFAIRS CHAPTER 9

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT

46-905. USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUNDS – COUNTY ACCOUNTABILITY. (1) The division shall be responsible for distributing moneys, subject to legislative appropriation, from the emergency medical services vehicle and equipment grant fund created in section 57-830, Idaho Code, to qualifying nonprofit and governmental entities that submit an application for a grant from the fund. Grants from the fund may cover the cost of vehicles and equipment, training, licensing expenses, communication technology, dispatch services, and costs associated with assuring the performance of planned coverage and emergency response, including highway safety and emergency response to motor vehicle accidents.

(a) The division shall approve grants from the fund based on the following criteria:

- (i) The applicant is a nonprofit or governmental entity that holds a current license as an ambulance or nontransport service issued by the division;
- (ii) The applicant has demonstrated need based on criteria established by the division;
- (iii) The applicant has provided verification that it has received the approval and endorsement of a fire district, city, or county within its service area;
- (iv) The applicant has certified that the title to any vehicle purchased with funds from the fund shall be in the name of the fire district, city, or county that endorsed the application and shall submit proof of titling to the division as soon as practicable; and
- (v) The state of Idaho shall retain a security interest in the vehicle to secure the performance of the grant recipient to utilize the vehicle consistent with the intent described in the application.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a)(iii) and (iv) of this subsection, the division is authorized to approve and issue a grant to an applicant in the absence of an endorsement if the endorsement is withheld without adequate justification.

(2) The division shall be responsible for distributing moneys, subject to legislative appropriation, from the emergency medical services fund created in section 57-829, Idaho Code. Moneys in the fund shall be used exclusively for costs associated with emergency medical services. However, if the legislature appropriates moneys to the fund for sustainability grants to cover personnel and operating costs associated with assuring the sustainability and availability of emergency medical services, applicants may only be approved by the division subject to the following criteria:

- (a) The applicant is a nonprofit or governmental entity that holds a current emergency medical services agency license issued by the division that authorizes the agency as a 911 response agency;
- (b) The application clearly defines the applicant's service area specific to 911 response;
- (c) The applicant must certify, if it is eligible to bill for services, that it has billed health insurance carriers for at least eighty percent (80%) of eligible billable services it provided in the previous year. If the applicant is newly licensed and does not have twelve (12) months of historical billing information, the applicant must certify that it is currently billing and will continue to bill health insurance carriers for at least eighty percent (80%) of eligible services; and
- (d) If the applicant fulfills the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection, the county in which the applicant provides 911 response services may, in its discretion, endorse the grant application of the requesting entity.

(3) The provision of emergency medical services is a government function. If the division approves applications for sustainability grants pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, counties are authorized and required to ensure that emergency medical services are reasonably available throughout the county.

(4) It is the intent of the legislature that counties that accept sustainability grants pursuant to subsection (2) of this section use a portion of the sustainability grant to implement or maintain community health EMS in the service area.

