

**NOTICE OF SKAMANIA COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2018 TITLE III PROJECTS
SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000
(PUBLIC LAW 106-393)**

Skamania County solicited Title III projects from the public and various agencies for 2018. The projects listed below will be considered for funding by the Board of Commissioners. A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2018 in the Skamania County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room 18, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA to receive public comments regarding proposed Title III Projects for 2018.

Written testimony/comments to be considered at the public hearing by the Board of Commissioners must be received by the Clerk of the Board by noon on the Monday preceding the date of the public hearing. Anyone interested may appear and be heard. Skamania County Courthouse is accessible for persons with disabilities. Please let us know if you will need any special accommodations in order to attend the meeting. (509) 427-3700.

Copies of the proposed 2018 Title III Applications are available to the public in the Commissioners' Office, Room 15, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA or may be viewed on our website at www.skamaniacounty.org

Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services, sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff's Department.

Continue to enhance and improve necessary and appropriate emergency response capabilities of the Skamania County Sheriff to include search and rescue in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Will also continue to provide initial response to medical calls, reported wildfires and other public safety services. This project requests funding to maintain Road Deputy wages and overtime, including maintenance and replacement of supporting equipment and services utilized to adequately provide response to emergencies including Search and Rescue missions upon National Forest lands in Skamania County.

North Country EMS St. Helen's Project, sponsored by North Country EMS.

Continue to provide ambulance and rescue services staffed with trained emergency medical service personnel to the northwest area of Skamania County, with special emphasis on certain Mt. St. Helens recreational areas during the months of July and August and early September and response from other stations as needed and available.

Skamania County Firewise, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District.

Continue an ongoing program designed to reduce wildfire hazards to the lives and property of county residents and carry out the Community Wildfire Protection Plan by planning and assisting with collaborative projects to reduce fire fuels in vulnerable locations.

Southern Gifford Pinchot and Columbia Gorge Fire, Rescue and EMS, sponsored by Skamania County Fire District #1.

Seeking renewal of existing project for reimbursement of responses located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Forest Service owned lands in the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area, for fire, rescue and medical emergencies, and reallocate funds to training that supports the project should the call volume be less than anticipated.

EMS and Rescue Response, sponsored by Skamania County Public Hospital District dba Skamania County Emergency Medical Services.

Requesting renewed funding of this project so that the provision of services and reimbursement of associated costs may continue uninterrupted. This project provides emergency medical services, rescue and ambulance transport services to areas of the County owned by the federal government, including calls for motor vehicle extrication, low and high angle rope rescue, and reach, treat and extrication to injured people on trail systems. Also, requesting funds to for training costs related to services provided under this contract.

EMS & Rescue Response, sponsored by Skamania County Fire Protection District 6

New request for funding, to respond and provide BLS EMS services to homeowners and visitors in and beyond Fire District 6 on federal forestlands and roads. These funds will be used to offset the limited tax collections received by District 6.

Dated this 30th day of May 2018.

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Clerk of the Board

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