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Pat Laws  
Gaston Emergency Medical Services  
415 North Highland Street  
Gastonia, NC 28053

Dear Mrs. Laws:

Thank you for submitting a grant application to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services for funding for a local EMS Bridge MAT Program with your agency. We are very pleased to inform you that your application has been approved.

I'm pleased to announce that a maximum of \$350,000 has been awarded with funding starting October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025, for the purpose of increasing access to low-threshold evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder. Please note that each year of funding is contingent upon receipt of funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and is subject to change pending notification of funding from the SAMHSA.

We will contact you within the upcoming weeks with any necessary changes to be made to the budget and/or Scope of Work. It is essential that you respond quickly with any required changes so that we may proceed with the contracting process for a start date of October 1, 2022. Further information and necessary items that will need to be completed before contract execution, will be forthcoming.

We are excited about this project and look forward to working collaboratively. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at [Julie.Seibert@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Julie.Seibert@dhhs.nc.gov). Thank you again for the thought and effort your organization put into developing your application.

Sincerely,

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