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Subject: Award Notification – Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Mobile Integrated Health Grant

On behalf of the North Carolina Office of EMS, I am pleased to inform you that Buncombe County EMS has been selected to receive funding through the RHTP Mobile Integrated Health Grant.

Following a competitive review process, your application was identified as a strong proposal that demonstrates a commitment to establishing or expanding MIH/CP programs to increase access to MOUD, strengthen behavioral health crisis response, and integrate services into rural care systems within your community. We appreciate the time, effort, and thoughtful planning invested in developing your application.

We are pleased to award Buncombe County EMS grant funding in the amount of **$282,103.55**.

Additional information regarding award administration, reporting requirements, reimbursement procedures, and project timelines will be provided separately.

We congratulate your agency on this achievement and thank you for your continued dedication to serving the residents of your community. We look forward to partnering with you as you implement this important work and contribute to the goals of the Rural Health Transformation Program.

Sincerely,

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