

**Town of Williamstown
Town Manager's Office
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Vermont Green Mountain Care Board
144 State Street
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- A. **Title of Project:** The Williamstown First Responders
- B. **Anticipated Application:** Standard CON
- C. **Applicant Information:**
 - 1. Facility/Entity Name: The Williamstown First Responders 249 Meadow St. Williamstown, VT 05679
 - 2. Principal Contact Person: Marie Graham, Head of Service, 191 Vermont Route 64 Williamstown, VT 05679, 802-272-0914, Mariegraham624@gmail.com
- D. **Narrative Summary of the Proposed Project:**

I am requesting a jurisdictional determination for the Williamstown First Responders. As of January 1st, 2024, the Town of Williamstown abolished the Williamstown Ambulance and contracted its transporting Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with Barre Town. The town has agreed to establish a fast squad to provide emergency medical care to the residents of Williamstown as assistance to Barre Town EMS when requested or while Barre Town EMS is unavailable.

Members of the Williamstown First Responders will respond to medical calls by private vehicle when requested, except for car accidents and structure fires. They will ride in the fire department utility vehicle to fire scenes and car accidents. Supplies will be exchanged with Barre Town EMS, as per our agreement, to limit outdates and extra costs. Also, per the agreement

with Barre Town EMS, they will be buying the Fast Squad 2 AEDs in exchange for the Zoll monitor from the Williamstown Ambulance. Extra Supplies and equipment will be housed at the Williamstown Public Safety Building.

The Williamstown Ambulance had approximately 300 calls a year. Barre Town EMS will be stationing an ambulance in the Town of Williamstown; however, they will still be covering many other communities in the Central Vermont area. We currently do not have the data to support the need for a Fast Squad as their contract began less than a month ago. However, we anticipate the need for a fast squad and will be keeping track of the data to report to the Town of Williamstown.

The plan to staff the Williamstown First Responders will be on a volunteer status with stipend pay, pending town budget approval. There will be a requirement of an EMT or AEMT certification, or they will be working their way to certification at one of those levels. Continuing education will be partnered with Barre Town EMS.

The Town of Williamstown has proposed a budget of \$12,000 to run the service. This will be coming from the rent that is collected from Barre Town EMS who will be utilizing the Williamstown Public Safety Building. This will cover the cost of stipend pay, licensing and insurance costs, and dispatch costs. As previously mention, supplies will be exchanged through Barre Town to limit outdates and the need to spend excess amounts on supplies.

The objective of the Williamstown First Responders is to provide emergency medical services while waiting for Barre Town EMS or another service to arrive and provide transport. This would allow the community of Williamstown to have more access to emergency medical services, but with no added cost as Barre town with exchange any supplies used. The Williamstown First Responders will begin providing services upon state licensing approval, with no completion date at this time.

Sincerely,

Marie Graham, NR-AEMT

Head of Service