

Ochiltree General Hospital Emergency Department Addition

The Ochiltree General Hospital's current emergency department is outdated and undersized. The existing 1,200 square foot emergency room has three treatment rooms and three bays, with no walls separating each, creating a patient security concern daily. The footprint of the current facility does not allow room for equipment, medicine or supply storage; therefore, staff must go outside the emergency room to retrieve needed items, resulting in patients being out of view.

The Emergency Department Addition to Ochiltree General Hospital proposes a new 7,000 square foot facility that would allow the treatment of more patients with the required privacy. The new emergency room would have nine trauma and exam rooms equipped to hold more than one critical patient while maintaining privacy for each patient.

The facility would include: a covered ambulance bay for patient delivery, secure medication storage area, nurse station, radiology room and a decontamination area.

Ochiltree General Hospital budget for these improvements is approximately \$5,000,000 of which we are requesting \$3,000,000 in Community Project Funding.

The population served within our hospital district is approximately 10,000 residents from Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Gray, and Roberts counties in the Texas Panhandle. We also receive patients from several counties in the Oklahoma Panhandle and the southern portion of Kansas.

The limitations of the existing emergency room create a range of unmet needs that significantly impact the quality and efficiency of patient care and privacy. Delaying patient care due to the inadequate number of emergency room beds limits the response time from door to provider. The Hospital encounters these challenges regularly, treating over 300 patients per month in the 3-room facility.

An EF-3 tornado hit the town in 2023 and 160 patients were treated in a five-hour span. The patients that needed emergent resuscitation measures were negatively affected due to our limited emergency room space. Patients were diverted to other areas within the hospital, such as the lobby for triage and post-anesthesia care unit for urgent patients. This caused limitations on our physicians and clinical staff because the patients they were treating were not centrally located.

The direct non-reimbursed expenses absorbed by the Hospital from this single event exceeded \$1,000,000 due to the inability to properly intake, identify and discharge patients.

This is directly related to the lack of space. The funding from this request would provide taxpayers who depend on this facility for their emergency needs the confidence that their treatment can be provided in a timely, safe and efficient manner.

Attached are letters of support from: Ochiltree County Judge, City of Perryton (Mayor and City Manager), Franks Phillips College and Perryton Insurance



Date 3/6/2024

TO: Kelly Judice, CEO

Dear Congressman Ronny Jackson:

This letter is to confirm our full and unequivocal support for the submission of an application by Ochiltree Hospital District for critically needed federal funding through the House of Representatives Community Project Fund (CFP)!

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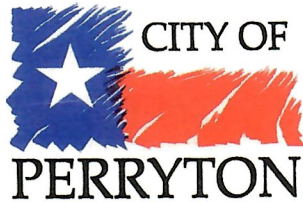
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Best regards,

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Chad Johnson

209 S Main St, Perryton, TX 79070



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March 6, 2024

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David Landis
City Manager



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Best regards,

Kerry Symons
Mayor, City of Perryton

CHARLES E. KELLY



COUNTY JUDGE

OCHILTREE COUNTY, TEXAS

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Charles Kelly