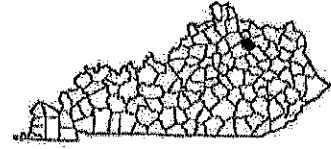


Steve Hamilton
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March 03, 2026

Dear Congressman Barr:

I am writing to request additional funding to improve EMS infrastructure in Nicholas County. This investment is critical to the health, safety, and resilience of the residents of Nicholas County and the surrounding region. Currently, over \$2.4 million has been allocated to this project. Unfortunately, due to the effects of inflation in recent years, the projected cost now exceeds available funds. The Fiscal Court is requesting \$3 million in CPF funds to ensure that this facility can be completed.

The proposed EMS facility will be an approximately 8,000-square-foot building located on Concrete Road in Carlisle, Kentucky, at or near the coordinates 38.31599 latitude and -84.06008 longitude. This modern facility is intended to replace the county's former EMS building, which was severely damaged and rendered unusable during the historic flooding event of summer 2021.

That flood caused catastrophic damage across Nicholas County, resulting in millions of dollars in losses to homes, businesses, and public infrastructure. The Nicholas County EMS facility was inundated by several feet of floodwater, leading to the total loss of the building and the destruction of two of the county's four ambulances. The loss of this critical infrastructure significantly impacted emergency response capacity at a time when residents needed it most.

The construction of this new EMS facility represents not only a replacement of what was lost, but a necessary step toward ensuring long-term resilience and continuity of emergency medical services. Nicholas County EMS provides emergency response for all of Nicholas County and approximately half of neighboring Robertson County. Importantly, neither Nicholas County nor Robertson County has a hospital within its borders, making a fully functional and well-equipped EMS system absolutely essential for timely emergency care and lifesaving transport.

Completion of the facility and procurement of modern EMS equipment will allow Nicholas County to restore and strengthen its emergency response capabilities, improve staff readiness, and ensure reliable service delivery during future disasters or emergencies. This project directly supports public safety, disaster recovery, and regional health outcomes.

For these reasons, I ask for favorable consideration of Nicholas County's funding request. Supporting this project is an investment in community safety, regional emergency preparedness, and the well-being of rural Kentuckians who depend on rapid and reliable EMS services every day.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to strengthening emergency response infrastructure in communities like Nicholas County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Hamilton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Hamilton
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Nathan Hall

EMS Director

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March 3, 2026

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