

# OHIO EMS GRANTS PROGRAM

The Ohio EMS Board has appointed the Grants Committee to oversee and make recommendations for the administration of the Ohio EMS Grants Program. The program is administered within the Division by the Grants Administrator. The Grants Administrator works closely with the EMS Board's Grants Committee to ensure that all grant funds are distributed fairly, in a timely manner, and in accordance with the directions provided by the Ohio EMS Board.

## **Distribution of Grant Funds**

Section 4765.07 of the Ohio Revised Code defines the priority distribution of available funds for Ohio's EMS grant program

- First priority shall be given to emergency medical service organizations for the training of personnel, for the purchase of equipment and vehicles, and to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of emergency medical services in this state. In this category, the board shall give priority to grants that fund training and equipping of emergency medical service personnel;
- Second priority shall be given to entities that research the causes, nature, and effect of traumatic injuries, educate the public about injury prevention, and implement, test, and evaluate injury prevention strategies;
- Third priority shall be given to entities that research, test, and evaluate procedures that promote the rehabilitation, retraining, and reemployment of adult or pediatric trauma victims and social service support mechanisms for adult or pediatric trauma victims and their families;
- Fourth priority shall be given to entities that research, test, and evaluate medical procedures related to adult and pediatric trauma victims and their families

## **Funding Levels**

The amount of EMS grant funding for all priorities is determined annually by the amount of seatbelt fines collected throughout the State of Ohio. The amount of funding was 4 million dollars for award year 2006. The following indicates the funding levels established by the State EMS Board for priority distribution established by Section 4765.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. Year 2003 represents the first awards since the following priorities were established.

- Priority one - Funds collected from seat belt fines, less priorities two, three and four;
- Priority two - \$350,000
- Priority three - \$100,000
- Priority four - \$50,000

# **TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANTS (Priority 1)**

## **Application**

The deadline for applications for award year is 5:00 P.M. April 1st, of each award year. Hard copy applications must be postmarked or hand delivered by April 1st to the Ohio Division of EMS office by the date and time indicated to be considered for funding. The applications must be sent to Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, 1970 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 182073, Columbus, OH 43218-2073 or completed electronically.

**There are only two ways to apply for the grant: 1.) Utilizing the hard copy application. 2.) Using the electronic application process with the electronic signature. Please note the following changes and information concerning the application process and selection criteria for the Priority 1 Training and Equipment grant application/award process:**

- **Applicants may download the hard copy application at [www.ems.ohio.ems](http://www.ems.ohio.ems) and mail the completed application with an original signature to the address above. All fields required to complete the hard copy of the application are located on page 9 of the application.**
- **Applications can be completed on-line using the Ohio EMS website at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov) Go to the grants section. Select Electronic Application System. You have or obtain a unique user ID and password in order to apply electronically and use the electronic signature process. Only the person who is authorized to sign the application may obtain the password and user ID by providing drivers license information. This password information and access to the electronic application may be obtained at the above website in the grants section.**
- **Applicants who use the electronic application process will be asked to sign the agreement and blanket certification utilizing an electronic signature process. No mailing of hard copies of the application, proof of eligibility, or original signature will be required for the electronic application. By utilizing the electronic signature process the applicant is certifying that all information and certifications are acceptable and accurate. All applicants who sign the agreement electronically are certifying they are an eligible applicant under section 4765-5-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Once the applicant completes and electronically signs the application utilizing the authorizing password and ID, the agreement will be considered a binding and legal document.**
- **Awards will be need based. Applications will be scored based on the information provided on the application. Award amounts will be determined by rank of score and total funding available (requests for**

**type and cost of equipment and training are no longer required in the application process). Please see the Training and Equipment/Expenditure Form under the grants section for a list of available equipment. New items approved for the grant period beginning July 1 2007 include: EMS testing Fees, Advance Stroke Life Support training, Hemostatic Bandages, Impedance Threshold Devices and software and hardware used solely for the purpose of reporting to the EMS Incident Reporting System. (EMSIRS)**

### **Purpose**

To improve and enhance services provided by eligible EMS agencies throughout the State of Ohio by providing funds on an annual basis specifically for the purchase of EMS Board approved training and equipment.

### **Priority 1 Grant Cycle**

- Applications are mailed and posted to EMS website in January of each year.
- Applications for all funding priorities must be postmarked and mailed to EMS by April 1. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
- Award year coincides with the state fiscal year. July 1 to June 30

### **Documentation**

If completing the hard copy application, applicants must provide proof of eligibility in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 4765-5-02. All documentation submitted as proof of eligibility must indicate type of EMS or First Responder service provided to the community. This documentation is not required for those applicants utilizing the electronic application and electronic signature.

### **Criteria for Eligibility**

Section 4765-5-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code provides guidance for the following eligible entities and describes who may apply for the Ohio EMS Grants.

- Emergency Medical service organizations established or operated by a township, village, city, or county within the state;
- Non-profit emergency medical service organizations that have principal responsibility for emergency medical response within a political subdivision of the state and that provide emergency medical services under contract with that political subdivision of the state;
- Private, for profit emergency medical service organizations that have principal responsibility for emergency medical response within a political subdivision of the state and that provide emergency medical services under contract with that political subdivision;

- Emergency medical service organizations that are established by a joint fire district, a joint ambulance district, or a joint township fire district;
- Entities that meet the requirements of divisions (A)(2), (A)(3), or (A)(4) of Section 4765.07.

## **INJURY PREVENTION, INJURY PREVENTION RESEARCH, TRAUMA REHABILITATION AND MEDICAL PROCEDURES (Priorities 2, 3, & 4)**

### **Application**

The State EMS Board may assign special focus areas for all EMS grant priorities. Detailed information regarding grant guidance is available annually in the grant applications. All grant applications will be available on the EMS website at [www.ohiopublicsafety.com](http://www.ohiopublicsafety.com) in January of each award year, or a hard copy can be requested by calling 1-800-233-0785. There are separate applications available for priorities 2, 3, and 4. Priority 2 offers two applications. One is for community based injury prevention projects and the second application is to be used for injury prevention research projects. Priorities 3 and 4 use the same application. Please specify the type of application for which you are applying.

### **Purpose**

Priority 2 - Research the causes, nature, and effect of traumatic injuries, educate the public about injury prevention, and implement, test, and evaluate injury prevention strategies.

Priority 3 – Research, test, and evaluate procedures that promote the rehabilitation, retraining, and reemployment of adult or pediatric trauma victims and social service support mechanisms for adult or pediatric trauma victims and their families.

Priority 4 – Research, test, and evaluate medical procedures related to adult and pediatric trauma victims and their families.

### **Priority 2, 3, & 4 Grant Cycle**

- Applications are posted to the EMS website in January of each year. Applications will only be mailed at the request of the applicant. Contact the Division of EMS at 1-800-233-0785 or request an application through email at the ASK EMS section of the Ohio EMS website at [www.ohiopublicsafety.com](http://www.ohiopublicsafety.com)
- Applications for all funding priorities must be postmarked and mailed to: Grants Administration, Ohio Division of EMS, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223 by April 1. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
- Award year coincides with the state fiscal year. July 1 to June 30

**Criteria for Eligibility**

All entities are eligible to apply for these categories. EMS may apply for a training and equipment grant (Priority 1) as well as a grant from this category.

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