

<b>POLICY:</b>	<b><i>Grant - Emergency Medical Services Personnel Initial Training</i></b>	<i>EMS / Grants</i>	<b>DATE CREATED:</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE STAFF:</b>	<i>EMS Grants Comp Spec, EMS System Coordinator, Director - DEMS</i>	<b>CREATED BY:</b> <i>EMS System Coord</i>	<b>DATE REVISED:</b> <i>07/11/2019</i>

**A. Background**

The Division of Emergency Medical Systems (DEMS) administers training grants for volunteer EMS entities. This policy outlines who is eligible for initial training grant funds as well as the process for application. The funds will be targeted at reducing the financial barriers associated with training new Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT).

**B. Appropriations**

Total funds available are limited to DEMS grant appropriation for this purpose.

**C. Eligibility Requirements**

North Dakota licensed ambulance services and quick response units, herein after referred to as EMS entities, may receive a grant from DEMS for initial training of each EMR (\$350), EMT and AEMT (\$1300) that is initially licensed by DEMS under the following conditions:

1. Grant application must be submitted electronically within the program reporting system (PRS).
2. Grant requests must be submitted within two years of the individual graduating from a DEMS authorized course.
3. The graduate must be currently licensed as an EMS provider at a qualifying level as listed above.
4. The graduate must agree to work at an EMS entity as a volunteer (not compensated more than \$10,000 per year) patient care provider for a minimum of one year following licensure.
5. The EMS entity must be currently licensed and at least 60% of its total call volume for the previous calendar year must have originated in North Dakota.

**D. Additional Information**

- Grant funds can only be issued to an EMS entity and cannot be awarded to an individual. DEMS requests the EMS entity reimburse individuals for expenses incurred by the individual for EMS training obtained.
- Grant requests must be received by the Division on or before June 13 of each year to be considered within that fiscal year.
- Only one grant will be given per graduate at each level of training.

- The EMS entity shall be responsible for collecting fees from the graduate in default of the agreement. Any fees collected by the EMS entity from a defaulting graduate shall be retained by the EMS entity for its own use.
- Industrial services/units are not eligible for this grant.
- Grants will be distributed at the discretion of the Department as funds are available. Grant application does not guarantee payment.

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