

POLICY:	<i>Grant - Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Training Assistance</i>	<i>EMS / Grants</i>	DATE CREATED:
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A. Background

This grant was put into effect by the Division of Emergency Medical Systems (DEMS) in an effort to retain trained paramedics within the North Dakota EMS system.

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 paramedic under the following conditions:

1. Grant application must be submitted electronically within the program reporting system (PRS).
2. Application must be submitted within two years of the individual graduating from a DEMS authorized course.
3. The paramedic must have graduated from a North Dakota approved paramedic training course, become licensed in North Dakota within 3 months of certification with the NREMT and must maintain current licensure as a paramedic in North Dakota.
4. The paramedic must agree to serve full-time (average \geq 32 hours/week) on an EMS entity as a patient care provider for a minimum of two years following initial licensure.
5. The EMS entity must be based in North Dakota, currently licensed with DEMS and conduct a minimum of 100 calls per year.

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 DEMS on or before June 13 of each year to be considered within that fiscal year.
- This grant is non-transferable.
- If the paramedic leaves minimally required employment with the approved ambulance service before completion of the agreement time, it is the responsibility of the

approved ambulance service to notify DEMS within 30 days of the change in employment status.

- If the paramedic leaves minimally required employment with the approved ambulance, a pro-rated amount of the award must be paid back to the Department. The Department may waive this repayment with a reasonable explanation of the separation. Termination or quitting without due cause is not considered 'reasonable explanation'.
- Grants will be distributed at the discretion of the Department as funds are available. Grant application does not guarantee payment.

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