

## **OHIO EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT (ORC 4765.05 Priority 1)**

The Ohio Division of EMS provides grant funding to EMS agencies for the purchase of training and equipment. The Ohio EMS Grant application is accepted annually, and is due by April 1 at 5:00 PM. The applications are made available on February 1<sup>st</sup>, of each award year. Grant funding awarded to each agency may be used for the purchase of training and equipment made between July 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of the award year. The following notice contains information regarding eligibility, application processes, and types of grants available for the award year.

### **2009-2010 Ohio EMS Training and Equipment Grant (ORC 4765.05 Priority 1)**

This notification announces the availability of the 2009-2010 EMS Grant for the training of personnel and purchase of equipment established as funding priority (1) by Section 4765.05 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The downloadable application packet includes: program information and guidelines, instructions, all required forms, and a list of training and equipment approved for purchase. The application will also be available in an electronic version on February 1, 2009 at the Ohio Division of EMS website [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov) (click on the "Grants" section to access the electronic application).

The deadline for applications for award year 2009-2010 is 5:00 P.M. Wednesday April 1, 2009. Applications must be postmarked, completed electronically or hand delivered to the Ohio Division of EMS office by the date and time indicated to be considered for funding. The applications must be sent to the 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. 2.) Using the electronic application process with the electronic signature. Please note the following important information concerning the application process and selection criteria for the 2009-2010 grant application/award process:**

- **Awards will be funded through a reimbursement process. Funds will no longer be made in advance. Any grant recipient experiencing a hardship who needs grant funds in advance may complete the Hardship Application Form available at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov) The process for submission of invoices will remain the same. Funds will be issued for valid and approved invoices within 45 days from the date submitted.**

- Applicants may download the enabled hard copy application at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov) 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 8 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 the Electronic Application System. You must have a user ID and password to electronically sign the grant application. 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 beginning February 1, 2009. Contact grants staff at the phone number below if you are having difficulty accessing the grants system with your username and password.
- 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, agreements 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. (see item 14 of the electronic application). 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.

For more information regarding the Ohio EMS Grant process, call 1-800-233-0785.

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