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## Emergency Medical Services

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### EMS Funding Applications Available

**COLUMBUS-** The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Medical Services is reminding all EMS agencies seeking funding for the 2011-2012 grant year, grant applications for Priorities 1, 2, 3, and 4 are available.

"Many EMS agencies have taken advantage of previous grant opportunities and benefited from additional training and equipment, which allowed them to raise the level of care in their communities," said Richard Rucker, executive director of the Division of EMS. "The resources are available, so we encourage agencies to apply."

Grant applicants can apply online at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov), utilizing an electronic signature. Select the Grant Applications option from the EMS Web page and follow the instructions. You must obtain a unique password and user ID if you do not already have one.

Priority 1 is for the training of personnel and purchase of equipment. Only eligible EMS agencies may apply for Priority 1 grants. Eligibility requirements can be found under the Grant section of the EMS Web site.

Grant priority 2 is for injury prevention research. Grant Priority 3 is for the rehabilitation, retraining and reemployment of trauma victims. Priority 4 is for trauma research pertaining to trauma medical procedures. All entities are eligible to apply for Priorities 2, 3, and 4.

The grant period for all applications is July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications must be postmarked by **April 1, 2011** at 5:00 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.

Grant applicants may also download a hard copy application. Applicants completing the hard copy application must provide proof of eligibility. Please contact EMS Grants Administration at 1-800-233-0785 with any questions regarding the grant application process.

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*The Ohio Department of Public Safety, through the Division of EMS, oversees the certification of emergency medical technicians and firefighters and ensures that the professionals in these lifesaving roles are properly trained, educated and prepared for emergency situations.*