

4765-5-05

Grant restrictions and requirements.

[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this chapter of the Administrative Code, see 4765-5-01 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) Grant funds shall ~~not~~ be used for activities or purchases related to ~~an~~ the board approved grant project. ~~if such activities were commenced, or such purchases were made or obligated, prior to formal approval of the grant application by the board, except for sixth priority grant recipients that may receive grant funds retroactively for national accreditation at the paramedic level, as long as the application for national accreditation was made on or after February 25, 2010.~~

(1) Activities and purchases made or obligated prior to the training and equipment grant cycle shall not be reimbursable.

(2) Activities and purchases made or obligated prior to the research grant agreement shall not be reimbursable.

~~(B) The board may restrict the type of expenses for which grant funds may be used. Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the board, grant funds may not be used for the following expenses:~~

~~(1) Grant preparation;~~

~~(2) Salaries for first priority grantees;~~

~~(3) Meals or lodging;~~

~~(4) Travel expenses;~~

~~(5) Indirect costs or fringe benefits.~~

~~(C) Grants awarded for EMS training shall be used only for tuition and fees, books, materials, and other expenses related directly to participation in the training program.~~

(B) Unless otherwise expressly waived by the division, training and equipment grants are subject to all expenditure restrictions defined in the "Training and Equipment Grant Application Priority 1" form.

(C) All purchased equipment under the training and equipment grant shall be used for the primary purpose of providing emergency medical services to Ohio residents.

(D) Equipment may be purchased with research grant funds provided that the equipment will be retained by the grantee and used in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement for the useful life of the equipment.

~~(D)~~(E) Grant funds shall only be expended by the recipient of the grant award ~~grantee to which the grant was awarded~~. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered ~~to be~~ a misappropriation of funds and shall result in forfeiture of unexpended grant funds. The grantee shall repay any funds determined ~~by the board~~ to have been inappropriately expended.

~~(E)~~(F) A grantee who expends grant funds for purposes other than those authorized under this chapter ~~and approved by the board~~ shall be subject to forfeiture of unexpended funds, repayment of any grant funds determined ~~by the board~~ to have been used for an unauthorized purpose, and may be considered ineligible for funding in future grant cycles.

~~(F)~~ ~~Within seven days after a request by the board, a grantee shall supply original or verifiable copies of all receipts and other appropriate documentation related to disposition of the grant funds.~~

~~(G)~~ ~~Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all grant funds must be expended or obligated by a grantee within the twelve month grant cycle for which they were awarded.~~

~~(H)~~(G) The board division may ~~approve or extend~~change a grant cycle ~~beyond twelve months~~ as it determines necessary or appropriate; however, if doing so would extend the grant cycle beyond the biennium in which it commences, the board division shall expressly condition the availability of grant funds in the subsequent biennium on any necessary appropriations or certifications by the Ohio general assembly and the office of budget and management.

~~(H)~~(H) Any grant funds not expended or obligated on the final day of the grant cycle shall be remitted to the division within thirty days following the end of the grant cycle.

~~(I)~~ ~~A grantee who fails to expend an amount greater than three hundred dollars by August thirty first of the award year, may be adversely impacted in the subsequent grant cycle.~~

~~(2)~~(I) A grantee who fails to remit unexpended grant funds made in advance, as provided in this rule, shall be considered ineligible for funding in future grant cycles until such time as unexpended funds are remitted to the division.

~~(J)~~ ~~A final report accounting for all grant funds expended by a grantee shall be submitted to the board not later than thirty days after the end of the grant cycle.~~

~~(K)~~(J) All expenditures and disbursements of grant funds by a grantee shall be subject to generally accepted accounting principles.

~~(H)~~(K) Any grantee suspected of misappropriating or improperly administering grant funds, or any grantee who fails to provide documentation of the purchase of training and/or equipment as requested by the division, will be investigated by the division and may be referred to the attorney general's office.