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NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) FOR FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

Beginning December 1, 2010, all Florida organizations, both public and private, may apply to the Florida Bureau of EMS (Bureau) for pre-hospital EMS matching grants.

The deadline for the Bureau to have in hand completed paper original and signed applications plus 12 copies is February 16, 2011, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Fax and e-mail attachments will not be accepted.

This grant program is under 401.113(2) (b), subparagraphs 1 and 2, *Florida Statutes (F.S.)*. Under subparagraph 1 the state pays 75% of approved budgets and all projects by both urban and rural based organizations must clearly improve and expand EMS. Replacment and ongoing operations can not be funded for these 75% grants. However under subparagraph 2, rural organizations can be considered for 90% grants and all types of EMS projects are eligible. See 401.107 (5), *F.S.* for a definition of "rural."

You can obtain a copy of the matching grant booklet and forms online at <http://www.fl-ems.com/Grants/Grants.html> or contact us. The forms are inside the booklet. Remove or copy the forms from the booklet (do not return to us the entire booklet). Return to the Bureau the original plus 12 copies of the completed and signed: application form (DH Form 1767) with all required information asked for therein; and the Request for Grant Fund Distribution page (DH Form 1767P). You may submit more than one application but each and its copies must be separately distinguishable if sent in one parcel.

<u>Matching Grants: Send Applications to One of the Following Addresses</u>	
Mailing Address	Physical Address
EMS MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION DOH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C18 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1738	EMS MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION DOH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services 4025 Esplanade Way, 3rd Floor Tallahassee, Florida 32311-7829

The Bureau will automatically review all applications from rural based organizations for both 75% and 90% state funding unless the rural applicant writes on the first page of its application "Solely consider for 90% grant." Rural agencies should not send two applications for the same project or extra copies. All applications from urban based organizations will be evaluated solely for 75% funding. The Bureau will pay all awards either by advance payment or reimbursement.

The Bureau will open and log in applications as they are received. Evaluations will occur after the deadline, and final decisions will be made by June, 2011.

The Department of Health, Bureau of EMS in the best interests of the state reserves the right to give awards for, and to reject, any and all applications, and to waive irregularities that the Bureau determines do not have an effect on an application's basic substance.

You can obtain further information from the Bureau by telephone (850) 245-4440, extensions 2734, 2782, or 2773, fax (850) 254-4378, or by other means.

If you wish to volunteer as a grant reviewer, send the Bureau your resume' and contact information. If the Bureau needs any additional reviewers with your experience we will confer with you. This will not effect any application you or your organization may submit, and you or your organization does not have to submit any application for your considreation as a potential reviewer.