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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2, 2025

To: Illinois licensed and based Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider agencies that provide EMS services within the state of Illinois

From: Julie Havens, RN, BSN
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Division of EMS and Highway Safety

Re: EMS Assistance Fund Grant Available FY26

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is pleased to have the opportunity again this year to distribute funds to Illinois EMS agencies that can demonstrate a need for resources. The grant program will provide *funding for organizing, developing, and improving Emergency Medical Services Systems, including, but not limited to, training personnel and acquiring, modifying, and maintaining necessary supplies and equipment.* (210 ILCS 50/ 3.220(c)). The application and training materials required to complete the application are available through the IDPH's Electronic Grant Administration and Management System (EGrAMS) home page, located at idphgrants.com.

EMS Assistance Grants will be awarded only if funded and authorized by the Illinois General Assembly.

In accordance with the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) and Federal Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200), grantees must complete pre-award requirements before receiving a fiscal 2026 grant award. Visit <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/> for instructions. **EMS Assistance grantees do not need to do steps 4 and 5.**

As in past years, due to the limited amount of grant funds available, IDPH will not consider applications for new vehicles, vehicle re-chassis, building projects, or grant requests exceeding \$5,000.

The participation of the Regional EMS Advisory Committee is essential to this grant program. Individual EMS regional plans outline the process each region will follow in managing the distribution of information regarding this grant. The Regional EMS Advisory Committee provides the Division of EMS and Highway Safety with recommendations for the disbursement of grant funds. The Division of EMS and Highway Safety will determine final grant awards.

The deadline to complete applications through IDPH's EGrAMS is the close of business on Thursday, May 1, 2025. The Regional Advisory Committee must have application recommendations and rankings completed **by Wednesday, May 14, 2025.** If you have any questions regarding the grant application process, contact me at julie.havens@illinois.gov or at 217-785-9220.