

Sec. 42-108. - Local EMS grant.

- (a) *EMS trust award.* Annually, Florida counties are eligible to receive an emergency medical services (EMS) trust award from the State of Florida. The trust award funds received by the county do not have a local matching requirement. The funds are to be used to enhance local EMS services.
- (b) *Local EMS grant process.* Dispersal of the EMS trust award funds, when available from the State of Florida, will utilize a local nonmatching grant application process. County fire rescue department will administer the grant process.
 - (1) The county fire rescue department will notify local EMS providers of the open time period that grant applications will be accepted. The time period to submit grant applications will be 30 calendar days.
 - (2) A grant application form, approved by the county fire rescue chief, will be the only acceptable document form utilized for grant submittals.
 - (3) After the 30-day time period for submitting grant applications has closed, county fire rescue will have the grant applications evaluated and ranked by an experienced grant evaluator(s). The EMS advisory council will provide the county fire chief with a list of grant evaluator(s) to be used. The grant evaluator(s) will not have any affiliation with those agencies submitting grant applications, nor have a known interest with regard to the outcome of the grant process.
 - (4) The grant applications will be ranked in order of highest priority to lowest priority. The rank list of grant applications will be provided to the county fire rescue chief as a recommendation for approval.
 - (5) The county fire rescue chief will review the ranked list of grant applications and will render final approval.
 - (6) The county fire rescue chief, or designee, will facilitate the administration of the approved grant(s).
 - (7) Grant funds that are unexpended will be returned to the county fire rescue department for use in the next annual grant cycle.

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