



Safer Vehicles

Emergency Medical Service Grant Program

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EMS Grant Program



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Program Overview

- Introduced by the 2009 Montana Legislature to help provide funding for Montana's Rural Volunteer Emergency Medical Services.
- Funding Level – \$1m annually
- HB262 (2013) made the program permanent.

Criteria and Eligibilities

Who is eligible for funding?

- Volunteer EMS services (51%)
- Must bill at the Medicare level
- (or be funded via mill levy)
- Registered with the DPHHS as an EMS provider
- Must have been in service for 12 consecutive months prior to submitting an application.
- Recipients are able to pay the required 10% match.
- Private businesses are ineligible for this funding opportunity.

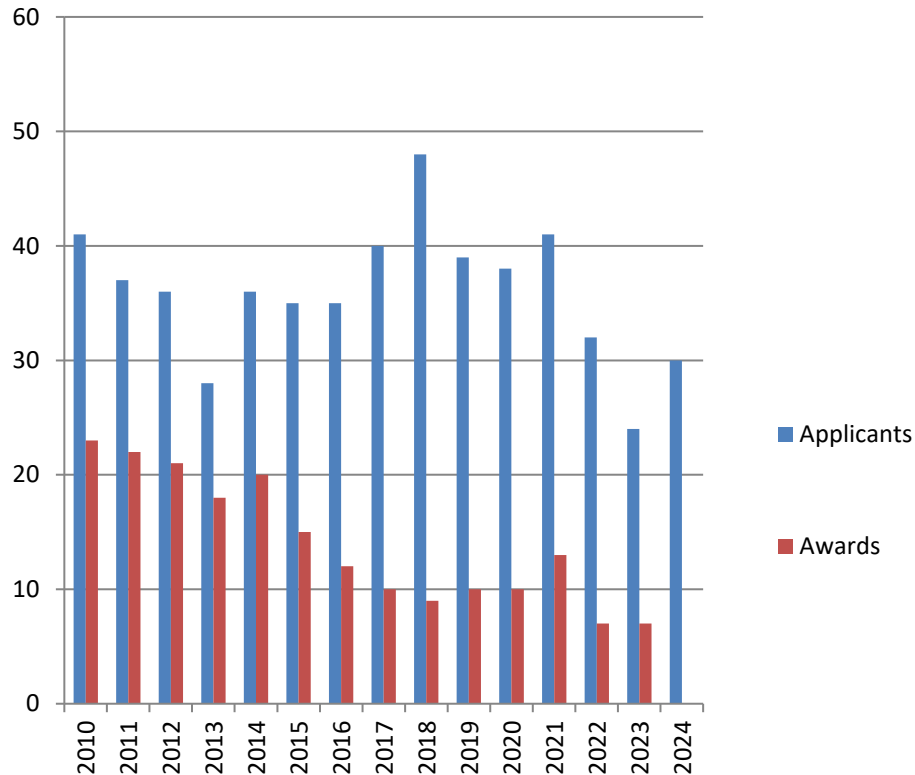
Application, Review & Timeline

- Annual Application Period is open from May 01 – June 30
- A review team scores applicants – competitive process
- Applicants are scored on quantitative and qualitative elements
- Qualitative scores are derived from “described need” and how the standard of care will be improved if the requested items are awarded
- Quantitative scores are derived from elements such as:
 - # of calls per year and the percentage involving motor vehicles
 - Size of response area
 - Distance from a hospital and other EMS providers
 - Number and percentage of volunteers on staff.

Application, Review & Timeline

- Funding recommendations are typically made and approved in late August / early September.
- Contracts are established and finalized – recipients agree to make the 10% match.
- MDT procures all requested items for the EMS grant recipients

Program Highlights



- The following figure shows the number of applicants who received a grant compared to the total number of applicants per each funding cycle
- Approximately \$15.7 million has been awarded in grants over the life of the program.

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