

CRITICAL STAFFING SHORTAGE GRANT POLICY

DEMST administers training grants to foster EMS training. To increase the patient care staff for ambulance services that have a critical staffing shortage DEMS will grant up to \$5,000 to up to fifteen ambulance services per biennium if the following conditions are met:

1. Grant applications must be on the form entitled “Critical Staffing Shortage Grant” provided by the department. Applicants must include a letter from one of their bordering ambulance service neighbors that affirms their knowledge of the EMT training that they could participate in. Grant application period will be from October 1, 2009 to February 1, 2010.
2. The ambulance service must be licensed in North Dakota and have at least 60% of their ambulance transports originate in North Dakota.
3. The ambulance service has fifteen or less persons on their DEMST roster that are qualified to be primary care providers.
4. Upon approval by DEMST the applicant ambulance service will be awarded \$2,500. Upon subsequent licensure of at least three of the trainees another \$2,500 will be awarded. The ambulance service must notify DEMST of completion of the goal of at least three new EMT’s by March 15th of the second year of the biennium.
5. Department of Health Accounting will set aside \$75,000 from the EMS Continuing Education Grant to fund this project. After March 30th of the second year of the biennium any remaining funds will be returned to the EMS Continuing Education Training Grant for distribution in other grants.
6. Any ambulance service receiving this grant will not be again eligible for this grant for four years from the date of application.
7. Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis for a total of fifteen per biennium. In the event that more than ten qualified applicants apply, preference will be given to those applicants that have a greater staffing need and demonstrate a plan that seems to be most likely to succeed in delivering at least three new EMT’s to their service.

Contact DEMST if you would like further information regarding this program. Our phone number is 701.328.2388 or by email at dems@nd.gov.