



August 6, 2013

Squad Leaders or Contact People  
Funding Area Grants

Dear Squad Leader,

The intent of this letter is to inform you of the action taken by the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma (DEMST) regarding the Funding Area Grants. The scoring process is complete and a funding scenario has been approved. The Notice of Grant Awards are being prepared and will be sent out as soon as completed for signatures. The amounts designated for each funding area will be included in the Notice of Grant Award. Once received, please sign the hard copy and return it to DEMST. Requests for reimbursement will not be approved until all required documents are received. Once all appropriate signatures have been obtained, a copy of the completed contract will be returned to you for your records. Please note that any Notice of Grant Awards that are not returned within 60 days of receipt will not be accepted and monies awarded will be withdrawn and reallocated.

It is important that you know that applications for grants in this round exceeded \$7,802,000, while only \$3,200,000 is available for distribution. This means that the requests exceeded the available funds by 244%. A number of adjustments had to be made to accommodate the discrepancies in the amount of funds asked for in the application vs. the amount of money available.

The following is a list of expenses that are not being funded due to the level of funding vs. the amounts stated in the applications:

- New building and building projects unless:
  - the requested project ensures the integrity of an existing building (e.g. leaking roof, unstable building, etc.) or
  - staff quarters are to be added on
- Monitors/defibrillators for backup vehicles
- Funding for new ambulance vehicles unless the request was to replace a primary vehicle that:
  - was at least 10 years old or
  - had more than 100,000 miles.
- Portable radios in quantities greater than 6
- Automated CPR machines (More information on this to come in the near future.)

Even with the elimination of the above expenses the amount of money asked for in all other categories still exceeded the available funds. As a result of the discrepancy the money had to be awarded on a percentage of the application with no funding area receiving 100% of requested funds. There were two funding areas that did not receive funding based on their request containing disallowed items.

This round of grants is for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and is retroactive to July 1st of 2013. Each funding area is responsible for distribution of the awarded funds according to the application and must establish their own priorities. All funding will be distributed through the PRS system at the DoH and justification for expenses will be the responsibility of the funding area.

We apologize for any inconvenience you may have suffered through this arduous process. We are hoping that this money will enhance EMS in North Dakota. Thank you for participating in this process and for your dedication to EMS in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Nehring". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "N".

Thomas R. Nehring, Director  
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North Dakota Department of Health