



DATE: March 17, 2015
FROM: Division of EMS and Trauma
TO: All ambulance services, squad leaders
RE: North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund

On June 30, 2012, North Dakota Century Code 23-46 charged the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH), through the Division of EMS and Trauma (DEMST) and the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC), with administering the *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund*. The fund is currently in its fourth year of providing grants to rural EMS agencies. A copy of N.D.C.C. 23-46 is included as Appendix A in the *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Guidance*.

2015 Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Time-Line

- Application completion time: **3/20/2015 – 6/1/2015**.
- **Application submission deadline: Delivered to DEMST or postmarked by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2015.**
- Scoring period: **6/2/2015 – 6/30/2015**
- Awards made: **7/1/2015**
- Grant period: **7/1/2015 – 6/30/2016**

The following documents that are needed to complete the grant application process are available on our website:

- *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Guidance (included in packet)*
- *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Application*
- *Volunteer Ambulance Service Sustainability: A Self-Assessment Tool*
- *Volunteer Ambulance Service Sustainability: A Self-Assessment Tool Score Sheet*

In order to improve the grant application process, the following ideals have been implemented in this grant cycle.

1. Funding areas will have more time to complete the application process;
2. The grant guidance document fully explains the application as well as the scoring levels;
3. Efforts will be made to improve and increase communications between DEMST and applying funding areas.

In addition, DEMST is available for assistance with the grant process. Our contact information is on the website (www.ndhealth.gov/ems). Please read through the application and guidance thoroughly and contact our office with any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Working together on a project like this can help shape the future for EMS in North Dakota!