

PER CAPITA GRANT GUIDELINES FY2021
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness
Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health

Introduction

The Utah State Legislature established the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) grants program for the purpose of improving the statewide delivery of emergency medical services. This program is administered by the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness (BEMSP), with Rules established by the EMS Committee.

These guidelines provide specific information relevant to the grant application process. Careful adherence to these guidelines will assist the Department in allocating grant resources.

FY2021 Per Capita Grant Application Process

During Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), the Utah Department of Health, will distribute approximately \$700,000 to per capita grant applicants. All grant funds for FY2021 will be awarded as Per Capita. There will be no Competitive grants. Grants are available only to licensed ground 911 EMS ambulance providers, licensed paramedic services, EMS designated quick response units, and public safety answering point (PSAP) which are designated emergency medical service dispatch centers that are either:

- (a) Agencies or political subdivisions of local or state government or incorporated non-profit entities.
- (b) A for-profit EMS provider that is a primary EMS provider in a geographical service area if it is licensed for and provides service at a higher level than the public or non-profit provider.

Application forms are available on line at the Bureau website: <https://bemsp.utah.gov/operations-and-response/grants/>. Incorporated non-profit entities must be registered with the Utah Department of Commerce.

Grants awarded will be implemented through reimbursable grants with the Utah Department of Health; that is, the grantee expends funds for grant-approved purposes and the Department reimburses the grantee for expenditures incurred. Unless otherwise specified, grants will begin July 1, 2020 and terminate May 15, 2021. All grant funds unexpended at that time will revert to the Department for future reallocation. **All FY2021 expenditures must be completed by May 15, 2021. The deadline for documentation of reimbursement requests for FY2021 is May 31, 2021.**

The schedule for the application process is as follows:

Application must be received by the Bureau no later than 5:00 p.m. February 1, 2020. No rosters need to be sent in with application. All agencies rosters as they stand in the Bureau's website must be verified as accurate and correct as of December 31, 2019. This verification will be a part of the application.

FY2021 Dates	SCHEDULE SUMMARY
February 1, 2020	Deadline for Submission of FY2021 application.
February and March 2020	Bureau of EMS will calculate status of opportunity for awards.
July 1, 2020	Beginning of FY2021 grant period,
May 15, 2021	End of FY2021 grant period, final date for expenditures.
May 31, 2021	End of FY2021 grant period, final date for reimbursements.

Special Conditions

The Bureau will reimburse agencies for expenditures specifically related to the provision of Emergency Medical Services. Rescue & fire equipment **are not** eligible. No matching funds are required. An itemized invoice of expenditures is required for reimbursement. If grant expenditures are audited, the agency will bear the responsibility to prove expenditures were paid by the agency in accordance with the grant rules.

Starting in FY2021, licensed ground ambulance providers that show a profitability average over the past three years fiscal years exceeding the margin allowed in R426-8-200(1) will not be eligible to receive EMS grant funds.

Agency Roster

All licensed and designated agencies will be notified by email by December 10, 2019 and asked to update their current EMS personnel roster on record with the Bureau. Verification or updates to the EMS personnel roster must be completed by December 31, 2019. Application for the grant must be sent to the Bureau by February 1, 2020, to qualify for FY2021 EMS Per Capita Grant funds.

Per capita allocation is determined by the following:

- (a) County classification,
- (b) Number of EMS state licensed personnel in each provider agency actively involved in the provision of emergency medical services.
- (c) The level of licensure of each of the EMS personnel, with weighting factors as follows:

EMD, EMR = 1 point

EMT = 2 points

EMT-Intermediate and AEMT (advanced) = 3 points

Paramedic = 4 points

IF THE LICENSED PERSON ONLY WORKS PART-TIME FOR MULTIPLE AGENCIES, POINTS WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED.

IF APPLICATION IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE BUREAU OF EMS OFFICE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THE AGENCY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PER CAPITA FUNDING.

Initial Training and CME

In FY2021, approved grant applicants **may** use funds for continuing medical education (CME) or for initial training. No additional application is needed. CME is defined as continuing “medical” education exclusively for agency pre-hospital EMS personnel

Reimbursement for Continuing Medical Education (CME) and initial training will need to be submitted on the “**Bureau CME Reimbursement Request**” form. Forms are available on line at <https://bemsp.utah.gov/operations-and-response/grants/> or can be requested from the Bureau. Actual invoices for instructor fees, conference registrations and hotel bills must accompany the Bureau CME form. The CME form will need to be verified by an agency authority. Recertification fees **may not** be considered as CME. Teaching aids, videos, and DVD’s are eligible if used for training, but equipment such as TV’s, projectors, monitors, and screens are not eligible items for CME. Membership to professional/trade organizations, supplies and promotional materials may not be requested. Travel and per diem reimbursement shall be computed using Utah Department of Health approved rates as follows:

Hotel/Motel rates:	
Salt Lake Valley (Draper to Centerville plus tax)	\$ 100.00
Moab (plus tax)	\$ 110.00
Ogden/Layton (plus tax)	\$ 90.00
Price/Blanding (plus tax)	\$ 75.00
Provo/Orem/Lehi (plus tax)	\$ 85.00
Park City/Midway(plus tax)	\$ 110.00
Breakfast	\$ 11.00
Lunch	\$ 14.00
Dinner	\$ 20.00
Mileage (\$0.380 actual mileage)	\$ 0.38

Travel expenses for (CME) outside of the State of Utah will be considered. See <https://fleet.utah.gov/state-travel-a/per-diem-rates/> for rates.

The maximum funding amounts to be reimbursed are: \$200 per EMR, \$750 per EMT, \$850 per AEMT and \$350 per dispatcher for initial training.

In an effort for dispatch agencies to become designated, dispatch agencies may apply for initial Emergency Medical Dispatch training. Only designated medical dispatch agencies are eligible to participate in the EMS Per Capita Grants Program.

The Grants Subcommittee has the option to limit funding based on licensed personnel, justified need or funds available. **Subsequent grant requests may be reduced by 50% if 90% of the awarded grant funds WERE not expended during FY2020. The Per capita grant will be a minimum of \$500.**

Grant Proposal Preparation Assistance or Questions

We recognize there may be questions regarding the program. It is the desire of the Bureau of EMS, the Grants Subcommittee and the State EMS Committee that the grant process be as simple and easy to accomplish as possible. We strongly encourage you to contact the EMS Bureau Grants Coordinator, Gay Brogdon for assistance in grant preparation. Contact Information:

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ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE on the bureau website: <https://bemsp.utah.gov/operations-and-response/grants/>