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Section 401.113, Florida Statutes (F.S.), gives authority to the Florida Department of Health to dispense funds contained in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Trust Fund to counties via county, matching, and rural grants. These grants are to improve and expand prehospital emergency medical services in the state. Funds deposited into the EMS Trust Fund are dispensed annually as follows:

County Grants

Forty-five (45) percent of the monies are divided among Florida's 67 counties according to the proportion of the combined amount deposited in the trust fund from the county. These funds may not be used to match grant funds.

Matching Grants

Forty (40) percent of the monies are available to local agencies, municipalities, emergency medical services organizations, and youth athletic organizations for the purpose of conducting research, increasing existing levels of emergency medical services, evaluation, community education, injury-prevention programs, and training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other lifesaving and first aid techniques. Applications for matching grants are accepted annually from October–February.

Matching grants are contingent upon the recipient providing a cash sum equal to 25 percent of the total grant amount approved by the Department. For example, if an agency is awarded \$10,000, the Department would provide \$7,500 (75%) to the agency and the recipient's required contribution would be \$2,500 (25%).

Rural Grants

No more than 10 percent of the monies are available to rural EMS agencies. These monies may also be used for improvement, expansion, or continuation of services provided. For example, if an agency is awarded \$10,000, the Department would provide \$9,000 (90%) to the agency and the recipient's required contribution would be \$1,000 (10%).

Matching/Rural Grants 2023–2024

Paragraph (b) of Subsection 401.113 (2), Florida Statutes

ANNOUNCEMENT: We are now accepting new matching/rural grant applications for the 2023–2024 cycle.

The application packet with all necessary forms is available at the following link: [EMS Matching Grant Application \(https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/ems-grants_documents/2023-2024-EMS-Matching-Grant-Application-Form.doc\)](https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/ems-grants_documents/2023-2024-EMS-Matching-Grant-Application-Form.doc)

You may send the completed application by email attachment to the following email address: [EMS@flhealth.gov \(mailto:EMS@flhealth.gov\)](mailto:EMS@flhealth.gov)

Alternatively, you may **mail** the completed **original application and one copy** to: Florida Department of Health, EMS Matching Grants, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-22, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1722.

Deadline: Florida Department of Health's EMS Section should receive your completed application by Friday, February 16, 2024.

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