

COVID-19: Supplemental Funding for Emergency Medical Services

Product (EMS20) Purpose

Intended to outline two funding options for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Developed By

The Federal Healthcare Resilience Task Force (HRTF) is leading the development of a comprehensive strategy for the U.S. healthcare system to facilitate resiliency and responsiveness to the threats posed by COVID-19. The Task Force's EMS/Pre-Hospital Team is comprised of public and private-sector Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and 911 experts from a wide variety of agencies and focuses on responding to the needs of the pre-hospital community. This Team is composed of subject matter experts from NHTSA OEMS, CDC, FEMA, USFA, US Army, USCG, and non-federal partners representing stakeholder groups and areas of expertise. Through collaboration with experts in related fields, the team develops practical resources for field providers, supervisors, administrators, medical directors and associations to better respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Intended Audience

State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments (SLTTs) First Responders (Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and 911 communication personnel)

Expected Distribution Mechanism

EMS.gov, Stakeholder Calls, EMS stakeholder organization's membership distribution, email mechanisms, USFA website, Social Media posts

Primary Point of Contact

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1. Purpose: This paper outlines two funding options for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Scope: This information applies to private non-profit organizations as well as for-profit EMS agencies, and to government owned and operated EMS agencies as allowed by the legislation listed below.
3. Overview of Existing Supplemental Funding Opportunities:
 - a. *Stafford Act Emergency and/or Major Disaster Declaration (Stafford Act)*: Emergency protective measures to save lives and protect public health (including emergency medical care and transport) are eligible for reimbursement under the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Public Assistance program. State, territorial, tribal, and local government entities and [certain private non-profit organizations](#) are eligible to apply for Public Assistance. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent federal cost share and may not duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or other federal agencies.
 - b. *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)*: The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan program administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to incentivize small business to keep workers on the payroll. The SBA will forgive loans under this program if certain conditions are met. Private for-profit companies and private non-profit EMS agencies (including tribal ambulance services) are eligible. The maximum amount available to borrow under this program is 2.5 times average total monthly payroll costs, not to exceed \$10 million.
4. References
 - a. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures. <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures>.
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 - c. Paycheck Protection Program. <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>*
 - d. “CARES Act Payroll Protection Plan can help struggling ambulance services” (April 2020). <https://www.ems1.com/ems-grants/articles/cares-act-payroll-protection-plan-can-help-struggling-ambulance-services-EylbPiNA3TP3VmA3/> *

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