

No. 11-26-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing a protocol for distributing funding pursuant to the appropriations relating to Emergency Medical System operational support made in the County's Grants & Special Accounts budget.

Whereas, on December 2, 2025, Allegheny County Council enacted the County's 2026 Grants and Special Accounts budget, which was subsequently signed into law by Chief Executive Innamorato as Resolution 14-25-RE; and

Whereas, under the provisions of 14-25-RE, \$1 million is set aside for "EMS Operational Support" from revenue derived by the County from the settlement of litigation relating to opioid over-prescription; and

Whereas, the intention of this appropriation is to provide badly needed assistance to the region's EMS providers, who incurred significant expense in responding to opioid-related emergency calls throughout the County; and

Whereas, Exhibit E to the settlement agreement allows for the expenditure of settlement funds for certain opioid-related EMS needs; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that opioid settlement funding in varying amounts will be received by the County through December of 2038, and during the 2026 budget deliberations, Council's Committee on Budget and Finance specifically discussed providing equivalent or larger appropriations for the same purpose for at least the next two budget years; and

Whereas, it is therefore the desire of Council to establish a protocol for disbursing opioid settlement funds to EMS services within the County pursuant to the "EMS Operational Support" line item in 2026 and subsequent budget years;

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of the Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2. EMS Operational Support Funding.

To the extent that any enacted County grants & special account budget contains a line item for operational support to EMS entities within the County, the following conditions shall govern disbursement of funding pursuant to that line item:

- A. The 32 members of the Allegheny County Emergency Medical Services Council (ACEMSC) shall be eligible to receive funding, solely for the purpose(s) of:
 - 1. Purchasing or repairing an ambulance or other EMS designated equipment, or
 - 2. Making debt service payments on debt associated with the purchase or repair of an ambulance or other EMS designated equipment.
- B. Funding distributions shall be based on an application process, as follows:
 - 1. An opening and closing date for annual applications shall be announced pursuant to the terms of Subsection C by Allegheny County, through ACEMSC. In no instance shall the application closing date be later than July 1 of any calendar year, nor shall the application window be shorter than thirty (30) days in length.
 - 2. Application forms shall be established by the County and ACEMSC pursuant to the terms of Subsection C, and shall be based upon existing application forms for grant funding administered by ACEMSC, as attached to this Ordinance. The option to file an application electronically shall be made available to all applicants.
 - 3. All applications must include a quote or bid for the entire use of the requested annual grant funds of the intended project.
 - 4. Funds disbursed may cover all or a portion of an eligible project, but may only be expended for the purpose(s) specifically authorized at the time of disbursement.
 - 5. Approval or denial of any application shall be based upon the criteria set forth in this Ordinance, consistent with the provisions contained within the attachment to this Ordinance.

6. Funds will be distributed to the individual EMS agencies by Allegheny County. Funds must be expended in the year in which they are distributed.
 7. EMS agencies receiving funding shall provide a final written report delineating expenditures of approved funds by October 1 of each calendar year. Such reports shall include supporting documentation for each expenditure.
 8. If the entire amount of disbursed funds is not expended in a given calendar year, the remaining balance must be returned to Allegheny County by December 31 of such year.
 9. Expenditure of funding for any purpose not specifically authorized at the time of disbursement is expressly forbidden. Any such expenditures shall be returned to Allegheny County and are subject to the provisions of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County relating to false claims, and the EMS agency conducting the improper expenditure shall not be eligible for future funds under this program.
- C. Applications shall be created, received, reviewed, and approved or rejected by a panel of five (5) individuals, consisting of the Allegheny County Director of Management and Budget (or such director's designee), the Chief of Allegheny County Emergency Services (or his/her designee), and three individuals selected by ACEMSC from among its membership.
1. No later than February 28th of each year, the panel shall announce the application window for that year.
 2. Applications shall be reviewed and approved or rejected within 30 days of the end of the application deadline. All applicants shall be provided with written or electronic notice of their approval or denial.
 3. Applications that are timely filed, sufficient in form and content, and that meet the eligibility requirements established under the terms of Subsection A of this Ordinance shall be approved. All other applications shall be denied.
 4. Funding for any budget year shall be divided and disbursed equally among the approved applicants and disbursed no later than July 30 of that year, but in no instance shall an award exceed \$35,000 to any individual EMS agency in any single grant year.

- D. In the event that the entire appropriated amount for any budget year is not awarded through the process delineated in Subsections A, B, and C, a second round of applications and awards may be opened by the panel established in Subsection C, with the approval of the County Manager. The provisions of Subsection A, Subsections B.2. through B.9., and C.2. and C.3. shall apply to such second round of applications. In the event that a second round of applications is authorized under the terms of this Subsection, in no instance shall the total award to any individual EMS agency exceed \$70,000 in any single grant year.
- E. The Allegheny County Controller shall be empowered to audit both disbursements of funds under the terms of this Ordinance and expenditures of such funds by successful applicants. Applicants shall consent to reasonable access to their relevant financial and other records upon request by the Controller pursuant to this function as a condition of receiving any funding.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final approval.

SECTION 4. Severability. *If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.*

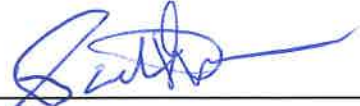
SECTION 5. Repealer. *Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.*

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER FILIAGGI

CO-SPONSOR:

Enacted in Council, this 12th day of May, 2026

Council Agenda No. 13527-26



Patrick Catena
President of Council



Jared E. Barker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office June 8, 2026



Sara Innamorato
Chief Executive



Attest:

Allegheny County: Opioid Settlement Fund, EMS Operational Support

Application

I. Eligibility to Apply

32 Members of the Allegheny County Emergency Medical Services Council (ACEMSC)

II. 2026 Timeline

June - Applications Open

July – Committee Review of Applications

August – Awarded Grants Distributed by Allegheny County

III. Eligible Grant Projects

Eligible organizations can apply for grant funding for a combination of up to two projects in the following categories:

- 1. Equipment:** Purchase or repair of the ambulance, or EMS designated equipment
- 2. Debt Reduction:** Debt reduction associated with the equipment

IV. The Grant Process

1. Application: Opening & Closing Dates Announcement by ACEMSC
2. Members of the ACEMSC must submit their application including a quote or bid for the entire use of the allotted annual grant funds of the intended project. Funds can cover all or a portion of the project.
3. A committee of ACEMSC members and Allegheny County representatives will approve or deny the grant application, based upon the project categories and all items listed in Section A – D noted below. If a member of this committee represents an EMS agency, they must recuse themselves from voting on their own agency application.
4. Funds are distributed to the individual EMS Agency by Allegheny County
5. Final Report Deadline: **October 1, 2026**
6. EMS Agency must submit a report with the paid receipts that show how the entire amount of allotted grants funds were utilized/spent.
7. If the entire amount of allotted grant funds were not used for the project, the remaining balance must be returned to Allegheny County by **December 31, 2026**.
8. If the allotted grant funds were not used for the stated project the grant funds must be returned to Allegheny County and the EMS agency will not be eligible for future grant funds.
9. Funds are only available to members of the ACEMSC that apply for the annual grant.
10. Section E: Required Final Report, must be submitted with all paid grant receipts.

11. Optional Round 2 of Funding

Timeline:

Applications October 8 – 15th

Committee Review October 16 – 31st

Awarded Grants Distributed November 16th

Optional Round 2: If the allotted amount of the annual \$1,000,000.00 grant is not disbursed in full for the requested projects by the EMS agencies, the remaining amount will be made available for Round 2 of funding. The remaining amount of unrequested funds will be disbursed at an equal amount of funds only for those EMS agencies that apply and request funds from Round 2. Only Sections A - B per below are needed for the Round 2 application.

The grant committee will determine the remaining available funds and make an announcement to all EMS agencies when the Round 2 application is open/closed to re-apply. The same grant application process noted above in Section III The Grant Process 1-9 is required.

The Application – Complete All Sections A - E

A. Contact Information

- 1. Name of Allegheny County EMS Agency**
- 2. Entity Structure (NPO, Authority, Private)**
- 3. Mailing Address**
- 4. Phone Number**
- 5. Name of Chief / Executive Director**
- 6. Website**
- 7. Federal Tax I.D. Number**

B. Grant

- 1. Amount of Grant Requested: Maximum \$31,250**
- 2. Intent of Grant Project**
- 3. Point of Contact**

Name

Address

Phone

Email

C. EMS Agency Information

a) Please answer all of the questions numbers 1 - 10 as indicated below for this section of the application

b) Information refers to the current calendar year

- 1. Number of Licensed EMS Vehicles**
- 2. Number of Career EMS Personnel (FT/PT)**
- 3. Estimated Population of Response Area**
- 4. Number of EMS Stations**
- 5. Year Agency was Established**
- 6. 2026 Total Estimated Budget**
- 7. 2025 Number of Transported Patients**
- 8. 2025 Number of County Dispatched Responses**
- 9. Name of Designated Municipality/Township Territories**
- 10. What Percentage of Operational Budget is Derived from Either:**
 - % Grants**
 - % Donations**
 - % Fundraising**

D. Required Documentation (Upload: PDF Preferred)

- 1. Current Copy of State Licensure**
- 2. Copy of the Most Recent IRS 990**
- 3. Grant Project:**
 - a) Equipment: Paid Invoice**
 - or**
 - b) Debt Reduction: Copy of Debt Payments**

E. FINAL REPORT - This Form is Required to Submit with All Paid Grant Receipts

EMS Agency

1. Use of Grant: Mark One or Both

- ☐ **EMS Equipment *or***
- ☐ **EMS Debt Reduction**

2. Indicate: How the use of grant funds apply directly with the following:

- Check All That Apply

- ☐ **Medication-Assisted Treatment Distribution (MAT) and Other Opioid-Related Treatment** (Exhibit E: Schedule A, Part B)
- ☐ **Prevention Programs**
Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports. (Exhibit E: Schedule A, Part G5)
- ☐ **Treat Opioid Use Disorder**
Provide training on MAT for health care providers, first responders, students, or other supporting professionals, such as peer recovery coaches or recovery outreach specialists, including telementoring to assist community-based providers in rural or underserved areas. (Exhibit E: Schedule B, Part A8)
- ☐ **Connect People Who Need Help to the Help They Need – Connections to Care**
Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support specialists, to connect individuals to treatment or other appropriate services following an opioid overdose or other opioid-related adverse event. Provide funding for peer support specialists or recovery coaches in emergency departments, detox facilities, recovery centers, recovery housing, or similar settings; offer services, supports, or connections to care to persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/Mental Health conditions or to persons who have experienced an opioid overdose. (Exhibit E: Schedule B, Part C9-10)

- ☐ **Address the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons**
 Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise. (Exhibit E: Schedule B, Part D6)

- ☐ **Address the Needs of Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome**
 Provide training for obstetricians or other healthcare personnel who work with pregnant women and their families regarding treatment of OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. (Exhibit E: Schedule B, Part E3)

- ☐ **Prevent Over-Prescribing and Ensure Appropriate Prescribing and Dispensing of Opioids**
 Funding medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with the Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including providers at hospitals (academic detailing). Training for health care providers regarding safe and responsible opioid prescribing, dosing, and tapering patients off opioids. Ensuring Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs incorporate available overdose/naloxone deployment data, including the United States Department of Transportation's Emergency Medical Technician overdose database in a manner that complies with all relevant privacy and security laws and rules. (Exhibit E: Schedule B, Part F1, F2, F6)

- ☐ **Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms (Reduction)**
 Increased availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, schools, community navigators and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the general public. Enabling school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and provide them with naloxone, training, and support. (Exhibit E: Schedule B, Part H1, H4)

- ☐ **First Responders**
 Education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs. Provision of wellness and support services for first responders and others who experience secondary trauma associated with opioid-related emergency events. (Exhibit E: Schedule B, Part I1-2)