

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)