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SIREN Act EMS Grant Process Released

Interested Agencies Need to Begin Applications Now

ALBUQUERQUE, NM February 3rd, 2020: The grant announcement for funding appropriated through Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs Act of 2018 was released today. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) short titled EMS Training to support rural local and tribal government-operated EMS services and non-profit EMS systems. Interested agencies need to start the application process immediately to allow up to 6 weeks’ time to gain approval to the application portal. The application deadline is Monday, March 30th, 2020.

The Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant will fund programs to recruit and train EMS personnel in EMS agencies operated by a local or tribal government in rural areas. This includes fire and non-fire based as well as non-profit EMS agencies. The total grant funding is expected to be $5 million distributed across 25 awards and cannot exceed $200,000 in total costs in a year. Awards may be proposed for projects up to 4 years in length.

Applicants are required to register with the National Institutes of Health’s eRA Commons to submit the application. The NAEMT advocacy team recommends that agencies interested in applying immediately start the registration process, and it may take up to 6 weeks to receive approval in the eRA Commons system.

Through the hard work of grassroots efforts across the country, the SIREN Act was passed and funded to enable rural EMS organizations to receive grant money to improve their services. To stay in the loop on EMS legislative news, join the Emergency Services Outreach, Inc. advocacy group and newsletter on our website https://www.esoeducation.org/newsletter/ and our Facebook group New Mexico Emergency Medical Services Advocates.

For more information about this grant see the announcement and contact information for Mr. Corey Sullivan in the Office of Financial Resources, Division of Grants Management, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (240) 276-1213 FOACSAT@samhsa.hhs.gov

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