

1 **16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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3 **163 BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (MAINE EMS)**

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5 **CHAPTER 24: COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**

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7 **§1. Background**

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9 The Maine Emergency Medical Services Community Grant Program is established as a pilot  
10 program to provide grants to communities for the review and consideration of the provision of  
11 effective and efficient emergency medical services.

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13 The Legislature of the State of Maine appropriated \$200,000.00 in non-lapsing funds for the  
14 2022-2023 fiscal year. Unexpended funds are carried over to the next fiscal year until all funds  
15 are expended. The Legislature may appropriate additional monies in the future, which shall be  
16 administered in accordance with this chapter.

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18 **§2. Definitions**

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20 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms  
21 have the following meanings.

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23 A. "*Community*" means a municipality or group of municipalities.

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25 B. "*Program*" means the Maine Emergency Medical Services Community Grant  
26 Program pilot program established under this section.

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28 **§3. Purpose**

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30 1. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to communities that plan  
31 to examine or are examining the provision of emergency medical services through a  
32 process of informed community self-determination and are considering a new,  
33 financially stable structure for delivering emergency medical services that provides  
34 high-quality services effectively and efficiently. Recipient communities may use  
35 grant funds to review current capacity and consider alternative models for providing  
36 emergency medical services, including, but not limited to, for the following  
37 activities:

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39 A. Engaging with the community leaders, elected officials, individuals,  
40 institutions, and businesses in the community to plan for emergency medical  
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43 B. Determining the current level and financial health of emergency medical  
44 services that serve the community

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46 C. Identifying issues in the community that challenge or improve the provision  
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49 D. Developing options for the structure, delivery and financing of emergency  
50 medical services that will effectively and efficiently serve the community,  
51 including options for ensuring long-term financial stability; and  
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53 E. Engaging with the individuals, institutions, and businesses in the community  
54 in reviewing the information collected and considering options developed  
55 through the activities engaged in under paragraphs B to D  
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#### 57 **§4. Administration**

##### 58 1. Application Process

59 A. Communities, as defined in Section 2, shall submit to the Board of EMS its  
60 application in accordance with procedures defined by the Board. At minimum,  
61 applications must address the following:  
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63 1. Names of all communities participating in the process  
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65 2. Disclosure of any conflicts of interest of interested parties  
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67 3. A detailed plan on how the monies will be expended, including  
68 estimated dates on when the monies will be used, a full budget, names  
69 of any contractors engaged, and copies of any quotes received with a  
70 statement of work  
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72 4. Expected deliverables resulting from the grant funds  
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74 5. A detailed list of sources and uses of any other monies associated with  
75 the project  
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##### 77 2. Duties of the Maine EMS Board

78 A. Approve application time frames, including due dates for applications  
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80 B. Define reporting requirements  
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82 C. Establish a subcommittee of the board to evaluate grant applications  
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84 1. The subcommittee may not include board representatives who are  
85 affiliated with, or have a financial interest in, the communities,  
86 ambulance services currently serving those communities, or services  
87 that are being considered to serve those communities  
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89 2. The subcommittee will recommend grant awardees to the Board of  
90 EMS, to include the recommended amount of award  
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95 3. The Subcommittee, during its review process, must evaluate whether  
96 the proposed project will enhance the provision of effective and  
97 efficient emergency medical services  
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99 D. The Board shall select awardees, including award amounts, and direct the  
100 Bureau of EMS to facilitate provision of those funds to the communities.  
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102 3. Duties of Grant Recipients  
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104 A. Meet the defined reporting requirements as approved by the Maine EMS  
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107 B. Provide a final report within three (3) calendar months of expenditure of all  
108 funds, or program completion  
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110 C. Return any unobligated funds to the State of Maine in accordance with  
111 agreements established to facilitate the initial transfer of funds.