



S.F. No. 1080 – Establishing an ambulance operating deficit grant program (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)

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Bill Overview

S.F. No. 1080 establishes an ambulance operating deficit grant program to award grants to ambulance service license holders with operating deficits in order to address their revenue shortfalls. The bill also establishes an ambulance operating deficit account in the special revenue fund.

Section Summaries

Section 1 (adds Minn. Stat. § 144E.54; Ambulance Operating Deficit Grant Program)

Subd. 1 (Definitions) defines key terms, including “capital expenses,” “eligible applicant,” “operating deficit,” and “operational expenses.”

Subd. 2 (Program establishment) establishes the ambulance operating deficit grant program to provide grants to eligible licensed ambulance service providers who submit verifiable evidence of an operating deficit in the state fiscal year prior to submitting a grant application.

Subd. 3 (Account established) establishes the ambulance operating deficit account in the special revenue fund, which must be managed by the director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Subd. 4 (Licensee providing specialized life support services excluded) excludes ambulance service licensees providing specialized life support services from eligibility to receive grants.

Subd. 5 (Other licensees excluded) excludes licensees whose primary service area is mostly within the seven-county metropolitan area or in Duluth, Mankato, St. Cloud, or Rochester from eligibility to receive grants.

Subd. 6 (Application process) provides that grant applications must be submitted to the director, who determines the form and manner for the applications. This subdivision also provides that a grant application by a government ambulance service license holder must be accompanied by a resolution of support from the governing body.

Subd. 7 (Director calculations) establishes that grants must only be awarded to applicants who submit verifiable evidence of an operating deficit in the state fiscal year prior to submitting an application.

Subd. 8 (Grant awards; limitations) provides that grants must be distributed proportionally based on available funds and cannot exceed the balance in the ambulance operating deficit account.

Subd. 9 (Eligible expenditures) restricts grant money spending to operational expenses and capital expenses incurred by the recipient to provide ambulance services.

Subd. 10 (Report) requires the director to submit a report to certain legislative committees by February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, describing the number and amounts of grants awarded and how grant money was spent.



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